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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ADMIRER.—1. Write to the *New York Herald* office, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2. It was Johnny Murphy, of Boston, who fought George Dixon forty rounds. Our Editor saw the fight. 3. We shall publish each one in turn.

E. O. (Folkestone).—Send portrait.

T. N. (Pontypridd).—Yes, John O'Brien is a good man, and a thorough game 'un.

STAGE.—You can address Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, care of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

H. C. (Birmingham).—Will respond to your letter in course of a few days.

INQUIRER (Newcastle).—The man you speak of is our correspondent for your district.

T. W. (Leicester).—The matter shall receive our attention.

N. M. (Leicester).—See our next week's issue.

CONSTANT READER.—It is merely a matter of opinion.

F. J. (Cardiff).—Will appear next week.

A. W. R. (Edinburgh).—Thanks for compliment. You are wise in making the collection. We are always ready to hear from such gentlemen as yourself.

J. A. (Glasgow).—We shall respond to your request next week.

P. G. (Liverpool).—Send your portrait and a short sketch of yourself.

E. W.—1. Yes; he was born at Cornwall. 2. He is conceded to be the middle-weight champion of the world. 3. Because he can make more money in America. 4. Yes; the British can boast of a champion of the world.

FAIR PLAY.—The *Sporting Life* report was accurate and impartial.

S. S. (Birmingham). — The matter shall receive our prompt attention.

A. G. (East-end).—See last week's issue.

THE pugilistic pot has been fairly set to a boiling point, and, unless we are greatly mistaken, some very important contests will be decided in this country before next spring. Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, has made a set for Ted Pritchard in hopes of securing a clean title to the middle-weight championship of Great Britain. His form in the O'Brien battle proved him to be one of the most proficient fighters of modern times.

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DAVID ST. JOHN, the Cardiff Giant, is after Frank P. Slavin, and, as he has good backing, the Australian must consent to taking him on for a twenty-round or finish fight in the near future. Slavin intimates that St. John has not sufficient reputation to warrant his meeting him; but such an argument will hardly hold good, especially when it is taken into consideration that Frank was well whipped in his last two engagements.

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DICK MOORE, of America, and Jerry Driscoll, champion of the Navy, have been matched to do battle November 26 at the National Sporting Club. The engagement was brought about through the efforts of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

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SEVERAL other first-class American pugilists have signified their intention of coming here. So, judging from present appearances, the present season for international fights will be a memorable one.

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BOB FITZSIMMONS has finally driven James J. Corbett into arranging a fight. The latter, however, has had the match made to suit the ideas of Corbett and Brady. We are prepared to stand on record as saying that the battle will not occur in Florida, and when "Fitz" was goaded into signing the articles he practically placed himself out of the reach of the scheming pair of showmen for nine months to come.

Corbett has too high a regard for Jackson and Fitzsimmons to meet either in a ring on equal footing, and has only been using the pair as tools to work on to boom his show business. Peter displayed good common sense when he left the States and declined to pay any further attention to the blustering Yankee.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

THE following well-known sports have visited THE MIRROR OF LIFE during the past week: — Will Hulse, Nottingham; Elkan Simons, Birmingham; William Willson, Leicester; Nat Mawby, a retired amateur champion boxer; Sam Thomas, alias Butcher; David St. John, Thomas Welch, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Concannon, Cardiff sporting men; Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, coloured champion; Professor Butler; John Morgan; Arthur Callan; Dick Moore; Hugh Lang; Jerry Driscoll; Pony Moore; Alf Standbrook; Frank Hinde; James Rymer; Thomas Steele; R. G. Hardie; Peter Moss; E. R. Hardie; Jack Gorman; John Higgins, jumping champion; J. H. Woodhouse, song writer; Will Sergeant, manager of the Washington Music Hall, Battersea; Mike Small; and H. Munro.

GEORGE ALDRIDGE.

A Public-house Manager who is Popular with the Sporting Fraternity.

(With Portrait.)

GEORGE ALDRIDGE, who manages the Sun, Gate Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, is decidedly popular with the sporting fraternity. Though but thirty years of age he has had a vast amount of experience in all branches of sport. He was formerly connected with the Cross Keys, Chelsea, but has recently assumed the management of the Sun, and has made that resort popular with all sportsman in and about London. Mr. Aldridge is a great admirer of boxing sport, and never permits an opportunity to pass of witnessing a good mill, and is always prepared to risk a little money on his opinion.

READ "THE MIRROR OF LIFE."

THOSE who desire to keep posted on matters appertaining to sporting should not fail to read THE MIRROR OF LIFE weekly. It shall contain from week to week portraits of people prominent in all branches of sporting, a thorough review of boxing, pedestrianism, aquatics, and gossip of men of olden times.

All articles will be just, and bestow credit where credit is due.

The portraits and sketches of stage celebrities of this country and the United States, with occasional gossip of the new features presented at different music-halls throughout the kingdom, will not be the least attractive in the journal.

HE HAS OUR BEST WISHES.—We felt delighted when we met Jack Davis at the Rose the other evening, and was pleased to learn that he is proprietor of the Empire Theatre at Pontypridd, doing a prosperous business. Ten years ago Jack was a clever man, and could hit like the "kick of a mule." He visited the States with Jem Mace and Herbert Slade, the Maori, and all who saw him perform regarded him as the coming champion of the world. Though defeated by Jem Smith it was not because Smith was a superior man, but a trick was served out on Davis that day which incapacitated him from fighting anywhere near his true form. Discarding pugilism, he turned his attention to the show business, and he can boast to-day of being worth at least £5,000. We hope before Jack shuffles off this mortal coil he will increase his riches tenfold.

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DEAD TO THE WORLD.—We are dead to the world this week; hence we require a good long rest to repair our shattered health. After the Craig—O'Brien fight we were served with a notice that we should produce a supplement for the paper. It required many a "bracer" to place us in fit condition for the task, but it meant performing our duties or quitting work, so we went ahead. Promptly at midnight we landed in the composing room, and by three o'clock in the morning we had produced the copy required by the compositors, together with the pen and ink sketches describing the various blows delivered during the battle. We can work when we are forced to the task, but it usually places us in a dilapidated condition for a week; hence our neglect to grind out a special story we have had in view for the past fortnight.

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THEY KNOW A THING OR TWO.—When we heard that Childwick had won the Cesarewitch our hopes for the future became blasted. We had taken a plunge on Opera Glass because Chalk advised us to do so. We can now understand why our choice was named Opera Glass—it was because his eyesight was so good he could see some distance off; consequently he had the pleasure of looking at Childwick running a grand race. We became raving mad over our disappointment, and concluded to purchase a copy of every paper obtainable, in order to ascertain if any prophet really tipped the winner. Imagine our surprise when we glanced over the *Bristol Sporting News* and found that that paper had plumped for Childwick in type bold enough to be seen a mile off. In the future we shall pin our faith in the *Bristol Sporting News* until the prophet of that journal puts us on the wrong track.

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WE LEAD THE PROCESSION.—When we plod through the streets nowadays we feel as though we have grown six inches in height during the past month. If you wish to know the true secret, it is because of the enormous increase in the circulation of THE MIRROR OF LIFE of late. It has grown to such an extent that it is now necessary to place our journal on sale Thursday instead of Wednesday as heretofore. Of course, we take the credit—why shouldn't we? If anybody doubts the success of THE MIRROR OF LIFE they have only to chip the boss of our show a bit and he will quickly produce the publishing book to verify our statement. Why shouldn't our paper become the most popular sporting journal in the world? Don't we give you more good reliable news than any weekly ever published?

WATTS: "By the way, who was the patron saint of fishermen?"

Potts: "Dunno. It isn't Ananias, is it?"

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HE: If I'd known that tunnel was so long, I'd have kissed you.

She: Gracious, didn't you? Somebody did.

MARION MANOLA.

A Leading American Comic Opera Star who has gone Insane.

(With Portrait.)

THE theatrical profession feel deeply grieved over the serious illness of Miss Marion Manola, one of America's favourite comic opera stars. She has gone insane, and it is doubtful if she will ever recover. Marion was born in Cleveland, Ohio, where she joined a church choir when she was about sixteen years of age. Later on she went to Paris and took lessons from Mme. Marchesi, who secured her engagements in a company playing "Fajka" through the British provinces. Her engagement at the Casino Theatre in New York followed in 1887; then she joined McCaull's company, and was afterwards prima donna with De Woolf Hopper. She was soon after married to John Mason, and the two visited this country, Marion playing the heroine in "Maid Marian," under which title Dr. Koven Smith's "Robin Hood" was presented in London. She returned to America, and in company with her husband starred in "Friend Fritz." At the close of last season she was taken very ill, some say through the excessive use of opium, but that report has been stoutly denied by Jack Mason. About two months ago she became insane, and there are slight hopes of her recovery.

AN ENGLISHMAN IN LUCK.

"Gold has a variety of uses," said Mr. Thornton Decker, an English engineer, to an American who met him in Tlacalula, "but I fancy my experience when I first went over this route between Oaxaca and Tehuantepec was rather novel. A lot of 20dol. pieces served very well as a coat of mail—so well that they saved my life.

"As I said, I was bound down to Tehuantepec for a look at the railroad across the isthmus. I had heard that the women there use your American double eagles for jewellery and paid a very high premium for them, so I got forty or fifty and sewed them into the form of what you might call a porous plaster. When I had them stitched into place on a bit of cotton, there were two rows across my back and a third row overlapping the other two. By putting straps over my shoulders they carried very comfortably.

"I got the gold up at El Paso, Tex., but in some way one of the beggarly crew at the hotel in Oaxaca saw that I was carrying something in the small of my back, and the result of that was I was followed when I set out for Tehuantepec. They allowed me to go on unmolested until I was within a day of San Carlos, and then one of them seems to have taken a short cut through the mountains and concealed himself in the brush until I passed. Then he gave it to me with a shot gun loaded with slugs of lead, and I caught it in the small of the back.

"The force of the blow knocked me down over the pommel of the saddle. When there I had presence of mind enough to keep on falling slowly, as if entirely done for. Meantime I got one of your American navy revolvers in my hand and cocked it.

"The beggar that had shot me, seeing me fall, came running from the brush, machete in one hand and gun in the other, while his partner appeared around the mountain, with his horse on the gallop. They yelled at my horse to stop and my guide to go on, and both obeyed promptly. I was still clinging to my horse's neck, and could see them through its mane very well. I let them get within ten feet of me, and then dropped to my feet on the ground and took my turn at shooting. They were so close I couldn't miss, but luckily, as I think, one caught his bullet in the knee, and the other in the fleshy part of the arm, while their horse was killed outright by a bullet in the head.

"Seeing them both down and begging for their lives I had a mind to kill them for their cowardice, but I let them off with a good kicking apiece, and then called back the guide and had him carry water and wash and dress the wounds as well as possible. Then I gave the man with the hurt arm a stiff horn of brandy, and sent him back for help, while I continued my journey. The slugs had hit the gold pieces—three of them. I had a lame back for a week or so, but I was otherwise unhurt. What became of them? I afterwards met the one that caught it in the knee. He was going about the market in Oaxaca on a peg leg peddling reboses and telling people he had lost his leg in a fierce encounter with highwaymen. He said his partner was on a journey, but I fancy that meant he had been detected in some rascality and sent to prison."

"Yes, she is very proud, but she has no right to be. Her father derives his support from money given in charity."

"Gracious! You wouldn't think so from the way she holds up her head."

"It is a fact, nevertheless. He is the secretary of a charitable institution."

"Oh, that's different."

"Yes, it is different. He gets his money first and the poor get what's left."

GEORGE CROSSLAND.

The World's Champion Distance Runner.

(With Portrait.)

STALYBRIDGE Sports must indeed be proud in being able to lay claim to this now famous amateur. It is in this busy little town that George resides, and which also marks his birthplace, the important event being recorded on March 19, 1872, and therefore makes him to be in his twenty-third year. In height he is 5ft 7¼in, and on the day he accomplished his historical performance in the twenty miles race at Stamford Bridge he weighed, in racing attire, exactly 9st. His first appearance in the athletic world was in a two miles handicap at Mottram—a little country meeting—on Aug. 15, 1890, in which race he had 250 yards start from G. H. Morris, the Salfordian veteran. George won easily enough; in fact he ran away with the race, and caused such a surprise that he was thought to be a "pro," and was promptly objected to. His amateur status was, however, promptly proved and acknowledged. As was only natural after this display, the Stalybridge Harriers enlisted him into their ranks, and during the cross-country season of 1891 he won their five miles handicap from scratch, and also their ten miles club championship.

Easter arriving, the flat-racing season commenced, and, competing in the four miles handicap at Liverpool on Good Friday, he won an eight-guinea watch, being the first prize. His next win was at Birkenhead on June 20, in a mile handicap, his prize consisting of a gold watch value ten guineas. The Blackley Meeting followed, and on Bank Holiday, August 3, the club's important three miles handicap was appropriated by him with ridiculous ease.

He won third prize in the mile at Newton Heath a week later, and, competing again at Mottram in the two miles handicap, just missed repeating his maiden victory of the previous season, his conqueror, however, being G. F. Boland, the Midland junior champion, who was in receipt of 50 yards start. Another third prize in the mile at Altrincham, on September 26, brought the season to a close, the total value of his prizes up to this time representing a sum of about £40.

The Blackley Meeting, July 30, 1892, came round before he was again seen winning, and then it was only a third prize in the mile; but at Barnsley, a little later, he won both the mile handicap and the two miles steeplechase the same afternoon, the two events representing in amount 18gs. At Bentfield he won the mile, and the following week, at Oldham, gave another taste of his ability by winning a double event, the one mile and three mile handicaps. As a member of the Ashton Harriers he competed in that club's ten mile championship, decided on the Ashton Athletic Grounds during the cross-country season of 1892-3, and was only defeated by eight yards by Bacon in 57min 10sec—fair time considering the race was decided on a bad track and in the depth of winter. It was only last year (1893) that George took to cross-country running, and made his first appearance in a cross-country championship. In the Northern junior cross-country championship, decided on the Manchester Racecourse, carrying the colours of the Mossley Harriers, he sailed home first by about 100 yards from J. J. Crook, of Nelson, and a long string of others. The flat-racing season again arrived, and at the Liverpool Easter Meeting, with 150 yards start from Bacon in the four miles handicap, in which there were thirty-six competitors, with starts extending to 420 yards, he repeated his 1891 performance by simply cantering away with the race in 20min 14 2-5sec, the one mile and four miles champion retiring at the half distance. The Greenhalgh Challenge Cup, value £15, along with a gold medal, were next appropriated by him at the Ashton Harriers Meeting on May 20. The following week he ran third in the two miles scratch race, won by Sid Thomas, at Manningham. After running third in the mile at Duttonfield, second in the mile at Otley, third in the three miles steeplechase at the same meeting, and second in the mile at Bradford, he competed in the four miles scratch race promoted by the Ashton Harriers on June 18, and was placed third to Bacon and Thomas respectively. He next won two prizes at the Glossop Meeting, winning the mile and finishing second in the one and a quarter mile steeplechase. Subsequently he captured minor prizes at the Salford Harriers meeting, Ardwick, and Blackley. On August 21 he was a competitor at the Celtic Sports at Glasgow in the two miles handicap, being in receipt of 70 yards start of Bacon. The object of the race was chiefly with a view to Bacon beating the Scotch record for the distance, but Crossland was never approached, he running clean away and winning by fully his start. He competed the following Saturday in his native town, running third in both the half mile and one mile handicaps.

Then came the four miles scratch race for a cup, value 40gs, at the Bolton Harriers meeting. There were ten competitors, including Bacon and Pearce, but neither of these noted champions had any chance with the Salfordian, who won by qnite 30 yards from the Ashtonian, whilst Pearce, who was then the holder of the four miles championship, was almost lapped. The time was 21 minutes.

The course over which the above race was decided was a heavy grass one, which was considered all in favour of Crossland, and the result was a match at four miles between Bacon and himself. Both champions had a special preparation for the event, which was decided on the cinder track at Belle Vue on November 11. A grand contest was witnessed, Crossland only being defeated in the sprint for home after making the whole of the running. The time of the race was 19min 44 4-5sec, only 11sec outside record, and was the fastest time Bacon had ever previously accomplished.

Crossland's next appearance was in the Salford Harriers ten miles club championship at Belle Vue, his opponents including C. Souch, J. Barlow, and A. A. Smith. He had little difficulty in winning. From three miles to the finish he ran by himself, and without any apparent exertion passed the judges first a lap and a quarter in front of Souch in 55min 2sec. It was from his performance in this race that Crossland took a line for his race in the 20 miles, as he accomplished the performance when entirely untrained, and at a time (Christmas) when the track and weather were not at their best. He next achieved a grand victory in the Northern Cross-country Championship, made all the more meritorious as he had done very little training owing to a bad ankle. His brilliant success in the "National" was proclaimed a fortnight later, all the honours of the cross-country world being his at the first time of trying. His next essay was in the four miles scratch race at Stamford Bridge on Good Friday, when Bacon only just managed to beat him by two yards in the excellent time of 19min 40 4-5sec. The next day he won the two miles scratch race at the Salford Harriers' opening meeting of the season, defeating the Liverpool champion, E. Watterson, by about 35 yards in 9min 45sec. On the Tuesday following, at Aston, Birmingham, Crossland again met the noted Ashtonian in a four miles scratch race, this time to recompense his defeat of a few days previously by winning by a foot. A five miles race was then promoted by the Ashton Harriers, and another grand struggle between the pair was the result, Bacon just winning. The ten miles English Championship followed a fortnight later, and it will be well remembered how unfortunate he was in the race—how, at 8¼ miles, when running at Thomas's shoulder quite fresh, he dropped on the track, his leg having given way. This occurrence necessitated three weeks of enforced idleness, at the end of which time he made his reappearance in the mile at Nelson, finishing second. He followed that performance up, showing he had regained his old form, by running Bacon to two yards in the mile scratch race at Huddersfield, and later in the afternoon winning the mile from the 60 yards mark in 4min 19 4-5sec. A week later he made the 40gs Lowans Linctus trophy his own property by again winning, making twice in succession. Bacon, however, did not oppose him on this occasion. The pair, however, met again in a four miles race at Castleford on the Monday following, the prize consisting of a trophy, the Edey Challenge Cup, valued at 85gs. A yard only separated the pair at the finish, Bacon winning by that distance in 19min 54sec, on a grass track. The all-important English championships were next decided, Crossland competing in the four miles. Bacon, who had previously won the mile championship, opposed him amongst others, but the pair practically had the race to themselves. The struggle between them undoubtedly excelled all others, and was one to be remembered. The accustomed dash of Bacon at the finish was lacking on this occasion, for Crossland with excellent judgment made it a race all the way, tactics which resulted in one of the finest races seen for many a long day. It was indeed intensely exciting to see in the last lap the two champions abreast to within a few yards of the tape, where the famous Ashtonian just succeeded in getting sufficiently in front to win. He next competed at the Salford Harriers' summer meeting, in the race for the two miles Northern Counties' Championship, winning as he liked from his solitary opponent, E. Watterson. On the Monday he journeyed to North Durham, where he won a four miles handicap, starting from scratch in a field of 18 runners, with starts up to 300 yards. Next came Blackley, where the three miles handicap again fell to his share. On August 11 he paid his first visit to Scotland, competing at the Celtic Sports in the mile handicap, finishing third to Bacon in 4min 21 4-5sec. On the Monday, at the same meeting, he ran third in the four miles handicap, starting from scratch, S. Duffus, a Scotch champion, who was allotted the big start of 230 yards, winning, Bacon, also scratch, finishing second. Mottram Sports were held on the Monday following, and in the mile handicap he was only just defeated by W. H. Inlam, of Sale. On the Wednesday he made a brilliant display in a three miles handicap at Rochdale. Starting from scratch he won easily in 14min 35¼sec. He afterwards competed at Horwich in the mile handicap, but could only finish third. A few days later he won the steeplechase at Blackpool, and on the Saturday following, at the Salford Harriers' meeting, his running in the mile handicap was the feature of the meeting—that is apart from the judging. A week prior to the great 20 miles race he represented the Salford Harriers in a three miles team race at Newcastle, finishing first man in. His meritorious display in the 20 miles race—creating new world's records from 16 to 20 miles, his time, 1hr 51min 54sec, beating Sonny Morton's time by 57sec, and G. A. Dunning's (the previous holder) record by 7min exactly—will be fresh in the memory of everyone. Also will his grand running at the London Press Sports the following Saturday in the three miles handicap, which he won in splendid style. On Saturday last he easily appropriated the two miles steeplechase in connection with the Lifeboat Fund. He is now taking matters easily, though he will most likely be active again very shortly, as there is every probability of a meeting between Bacon and himself at five and ten miles. E. H. Maginness, of the Belfast Harriers, also is desirous of running Crossland a friendly match in Belfast over a distance of five miles. Crossland is open to run any amateur in the world from ten miles.

MR. H. TRIPP EDGAR.

A Clever Actor who is a First-class Theatrical Manager.

(With Portrait.)

MR. H. TRIPP EDGAR is one of the most enterprising theatrical managers in Great Britain. It is he who introduced the American musical comedy "A Trip to Chinatown" to the British public. It is partly due to his excellent managerial ability that the play has proved to be such a phenomenal success at Toole's Theatre. He has only been in the theatrical profession for eight years. He was to have studied for the ministry, but displayed a preference for the stage, and after playing in amateur performances with marked success he was engaged by Miss Isabel Bateman in "Jane Shore" on tour. Since then he has appeared in "Niobe," "The Private Secretary," "Rob Roy," "The Middleman," and was for a season at Warrington, where he played principal parts, and also officiated as stage manager. He then went on tour with "The Guv'nor." He was the original old Athenian in the memorial performance of "Timon of Athens" in 1892. His London appearances have been confined to matinée performances, the most important ones comprising "Sacrifice," at the Strand; "His Second Wife," at the Avenue; "Dresden China," at the Vaudeville; and the "Authoress," at the Shaftesbury. He appears nightly at Toole's Theatre in the "curtain-raiser" called "Richard's Play." Mr. Edgar gives promise of becoming famous as an actor and a manager. He has a host of friends both in and out of the theatrical profession.

JOHN SHARPE WAITE.

A Clever Fencer who Conducts Waite's School of Arms.

(With Portrait.)

JOHN SHARPE WAITE conducts a school of arms in the West End of London. He is but twenty-nine years of age, and in 1887 he met a French expert in a fencing contest in London. Through his superior ability in wielding the foil he disarmed his opponent, and actually drove him off the stage.

JIM ALLEN, OF GLASGOW.

Champion 8st Pugilist of Scotland.

(With Portrait.)

JIM ALLEN, 8st champion of Scotland, is considered by the Glasgow sports to be one of the cleverest lads of his weight in the kingdom. His first appearance of importance was on March 10, 1889, when he defeated Charley Moyce. The following year he disposed of Jim McGregor, and was runner-up to Archie Craig in a 9st 6lb competition. In April of 1891 he defeated Billy McAllister for a gold medal. He next scored victories over Harry Burchill and also Jim Waldie for Joe McDonald's 8st championship trophy. He subsequently beat J. Jackson, of Goban, and Bob Stead, the last-named contest being for the 8st championship cup. He scored a second victory over Berry, of Manchester, in four rounds. He was matched to fight Ike Cohen, of Newcastle, to a finish for the 8st championship of Scotland, but Cohen paid forfeit. Allen is prepared to take on all comers in Scotland at even weight.

MR. BICKER (to coloured servant): "You do as I tell you. I'm master of this house."

Mrs. Bicker: "And I'm mistress of it, so you'll mind me before anyone else."

Rastus: "Dat's all very well. I doan care a picayune w'ich is de mas'r or de missus. What I wanter know is, who's de boss?"

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LIEUTENANT (admiring his image in the mirror): "And yet they call women the fair sex."

MR. ARTHUR G. BETTINSON.

A Thorough Sportsman who is Prominently Connected with the National Sporting and Belsize Boxing Clubs.

(With Portrait.)

ONE of the most popular sportsmen in England is Mr. Arthur G. Bettinson. He was born in London 32 years ago, and when but 19 years of age he took to boxing and swimming. In 1882 he won the lightweight amateur boxing championship of Great Britain. He has appeared in numerous amateur competitions at boxing and swimming since then with success. During the past six years he has devoted considerable time to making sparring sports popular with the better classes in this country. Mr. Bettinson was one of the organisers of the famous National Sporting Club. He has also been prominent in promoting sport at the German Gymnasium and the Belsize Club. He has always been a great admirer of Peter Jackson and John L. Sullivan. Mr. Bettinson is honoured and respected by all thorough English sportsmen. He is a man who is known throughout the world as a gentleman, ever ready to advance the interest of any athletic enterprise. It will be remembered that it was Mr. Bettinson who refereed the fight between Jim Carney and Dick Burge some years ago, when, in defiance to the desires of the win, tie, or wrangle, he rendered a decision contrary to their expectations in a fair and fearless manner, and thereby commanded praise of every gentleman who appreciates honest sport. Mr. Bettinson is a director of the Belsize Boxing Club and the National Sporting Club, the two leading institutions in the world for the promotion of sparring matches.

LANDER BEVAN.

A Clever Liverpool Pugilist.

(With Portrait.)

WE publish in this issue a portrait of Lander Bevan, of Edge Hill, Liverpool. During his career as a pugilist he has beaten A. Doyle and Alf Jackson. He was subsequently defeated by Yemks, fought a draw with Dummy Braven, of Liverpool, and was a principal in a hard match with Alf Calvert. Bevan gives promise of becoming a very good man.

JACK ELIE, OF BROMLEY.

A Tonsorial Artist who is a Rapid Shaver.

(With Portrait.)

JACK ELIE, of Devons Road, Bromley, is conceded to be one of the cleverest tonsorial artists in the East-end. He will officiate as a judge for Edward R. Hardie in the forthcoming shaving competition.

OBJECTED TO BEING RESCUED.

An Old Maid who Detested the Male Sex, and Protected Herself Against Intrusion.

(Subject of Illustration.)

"AFTER an old maid crosses forty," writes a New York correspondent, "she is rather particular about having any of the male sex coming anywhere near her. In a fire that occurred here recently a fireman, in going through the house, broke down a door and entered the sleeping apartment of an old maid. He noticed the bed well protected with barbed wire, and though he made every effort to induce the dame to leave the room she stoutly protested that she would die before she would allow any man to place his hand anywhere near her. The fireman was forced to leave in order to afford her an opportunity of putting on her clothing, and she just escaped in time to save her life.

HE MADE THEM SETTLE.

Ruffians Brought up to a Sharp Turn by an Australian Hotel Keeper.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A HOTEL proprietor in Ballarat, Australia, headed up a gang of ruffians in a most approved Wild West style a short time ago. It appears they invaded the place, and after enjoying themselves with liquor and billiards, they made an attempt to leave without settling the bill. The proprietor secured two revolvers, and, placing his back against the entrance, presented the firearms, and demanded an immediate settlement. Realising that the proprietor was fully determined on having the bill liquidated, and the men not having about them sufficient cash, they deposited upon the show-case what valuables they had in their possession, promising to return the same day and redeem them. It is hardly likely that the ruffians will ever attempt to enter that establishment again unless they have sufficient money to pay for what they order.

HE: "I'm not half as bad a husband as you thought I'd be, am I?"

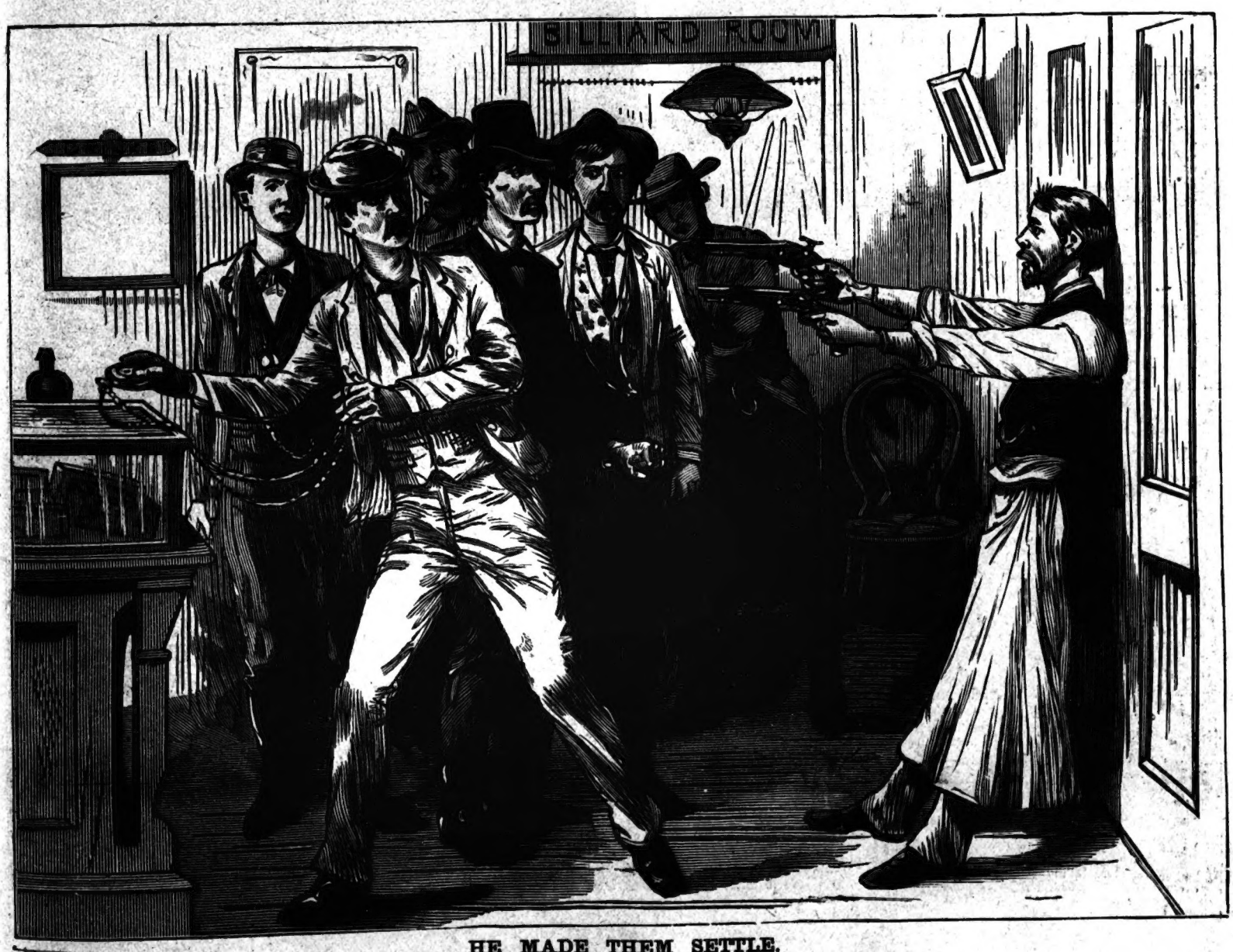
She: "No; you've been disappointing in everything."

BROUGHT HIM TO TIME.
A Wife who Knew How to Insist upon Her Rights.

STAGE-STRUCK GIRLS.
East-End "Whoa Emmas" who Fancy Themselves for Stage Artists.

THE BULL RULED THE ROOST.
He Rampants a Party whilst Enjoying a Quiet Drink.

HE WAS BADLY LACERATED.
A Lion Tamer Narrowly Escapes Death.



HE MADE THEM SETTLE.
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THE chief attraction at the tenth annual gala in connection with the Preston Amateur Swimming Club, held before a large crowd at the Saul Street Baths, Preston, October 11, was a 100 yards open handicap, in which J. H. Tyers, the amateur champion at all distances from 1893, competed. The entries included the crack swimmers from St. Helens, Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, and other places. Tyers, though beaten in his heat, covered the 100 yards in 1min 1 1-5sec, beating his own record of 1min 5sec made on Saturday week at Hornsey Road Baths. The final was: P. Ripley, St. Helens, 1; J. Sherwood, St. Helens, 2; A. E. Jones, St. Helens, 3.

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AT a meeting of the Board of Governors of the New York Athletic Club, October 10, the Athletic Committee suggested that arrangements should be made for holding international sports between the Oxford University team and the New York Athletic Club's team, in co-operation with the Schuylkill, Navy Club of Philadelphia, and the Boston Athletic Association. It is proposed that contests shall take place in New York, Boston, and in Philadelphia, in order to select the best men to compete. The governors approved the proposal of the Athletic Committee, and the Boston and Philadelphia Associations will be immediately asked to co-operate. Should they refuse, it is understood that the New York Club will send a team to England in 1895 to contest the championships.

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HENRY CORNISH, of Mile End, will act as an assistant to James Rymer when the Mile End marvel contends in the championship shaving competition.

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JOHN L. MCCUSKER challenges Joey Nuttall or Greasley to swim him a race of one mile for from £200 to £500 a-side and the championship of the world. He agrees to allow £50 for expenses to have the race in America.

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TOM MCINERNEY, an American, and Charles Donaldson engaged in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match at Hengler's Circus in Liverpool, October 8, for an advertised stake of £100. It was on the programme for McInerney to win; this he did by securing two successive falls.

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W. BARLOW and J. Greenhalgh contested a 120-yards race on level terms at Bury the other day, The last-named won by one and a half yards. In a contest at stand-hop, two strides, and a jump, for £20, between J. Berry and J. Young, the former won, covering 14 yards 6in.

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IN a 100 yards swimming race for the amateur championship in the West of England, F. J. Bush disposed of C. Parsons, at Bristol, the other day.

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REPORTS from Chillicothe, Ohio, U.S.A., state that Flying Jib, hitched to a running mate, went a mile in 1min 59½sec, lowering the record of 2min 1½sec made by Westmont in Chicago in 1884 at this style of racing by 2½sec. This method of pace-making is not recognised as legal, however, and has no bearing on Robert J.'s valid record of 2min 1½sec.

At 10 o'clock the Jib was brought on the track, and in the presence of 1,000 people was sent a warming up heat in 2min 15sec. In a few minutes he again came on the track, driven by Andy McDowell, and after scoring once his driver nodded for the word.

Up the track the fleet-footed animal went without a skip, while the spectators held their breath in amazement. On he came to the home stretch, apparently going faster every step.

When the time of 1min 59½sec was announced the spectators could hardly believe it, and still more dumbfounded were they when the last half of the mile was announced as having been made in 58½sec.

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THE amateur champion swimmer, J. H. Tyers, took part in the annual gala of the Kendal Swimming Club on October 10, and accomplished a fine performance. Giving an exhibition of fast swimming, he made a successful attempt to lower the record for 150 yards. The Kendal bath is twenty yards long, and Tyers swam seven lengths and a half in the marvellously good time of 1min 39 4-5sec, thus beating the time (1min 42 2-5sec) made by him on August 24, at the New Westminster Bath, which, however, is forty-four yards long. Tyers afterwards competed in an open eight lengths handicap, which he won from scratch, the limit start being 40sec. Tyers's time in his heat was 1min 53 2-5sec, and in the final 1min 47 2-5sec.

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T. LOATES is still a "tie" in the Jockeys' list, having only increased his winning total in the week to 138 (four winners), and Morny Cannon (who only rode four winners) made his score 138; Finlay, 81; S. Loates, 80; Bradford, 76; Allsopp, 72; Calder, 70; J. Watts, 60; Chandley, 51; Brown, 47; White, 45; Rickaby, 32; Colling, 30; Gough, 34; J. Woodburn, 26; G. Chaloner, 22; G. Barrett, 22; Fagan, 21; Toon, 20; C. Loates, 26; Weldon, 15; W. Pratt, 17; F. Pratt, 17; Wingfield, 11; F. Black, 10; J. Harrison, 10; Armstrong, 7; F. Webb, 7; Madden, 8; Huxtable, 6; A. Watts, 6; Cartledge, 5; T. Garrett, 5; A. Nightingall, 7; E. Hunt, 5; F. Park, 4; Rumbold, 4; C. Martin, 4; W. Croft, 3.

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PONY MOORE, of the Rose, Jermyn Street, is backing his namesake, Dick Moore, in the American's forthcoming battle with Jerry Driscoll.

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HARRY SPURDEN, 9st champion, anticipates a success in his two days athletic tournament at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, October 22 and 23. He has prepared an excellent programme, comprising a dozen of the best lads in London and a competition for local lads. Spurden will remain at Cambridge during the winter, where he will conduct a school of arms.

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IN connection with the club supper a smoker was held at the Alexandra Park Tavern, Green Lanes, October 11, where an influential company assembled. Thomas Capon occupied the chair, and furnished the creature comforts for his visitors. G. T. Clare, with his usual ability, occupied the earlier minutes with a delightfully executed overture. The first turn enabled Mr. Guerney to raise a laugh with a well-rendered comic song, and Mr. Edward Johnson in deep tones gave a composition of the Charge of Balaclava in true military style. The bugle chord by that clever mimic, Mr. Fred May, was excellent, and the whistling vocalist, Mr. Frank Grovis, was also encored in turn; with "Ling, a Ling, I am One of the Jays," Mr. Fred Walner fairly convulsed the audience, so that Mr. Charles Pyall had plenty of opportunity to bring the company to a more serious mood with his "Four Jolly Smiths," and he succeeded. Mr. Alec Mead gave "Down the Road" in good style, and Mr. Lonsdale brought the first half of the programme to a conclusion with "The Alhabama Coon."

The interval was occupied with an extra refreshment, when Paul de Lara was announced with his wonderful deception, and thoroughly mystified his audience in "That's how it's done." This went off with a bang. Well, hardly; the pistol used refused to do duty, so in future, like Professor Alberto, keep your powder dry. The latter exponent of the magic art fairly did the impossible during the twenty minutes of this high-class entertainment. As time was on the wing the worthy host vacated the chair, and without doubt was not second fiddle in the comic line; but, then, "Look who you are."

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THE Open Four-oared Race promoted by Tom Sullivan, the champion sculler, was brought to a conclusion on October 13, four crews rowing in the final from above Thorneycroft's to the Rutland Hotel, Hammersmith. The placings after an interesting race were:—F. Shepherd (bow), D. Dentry, F. Grigg, and F. Burden (stroke), 1; P. Ward (bow), E. Yates, W. Yates, and J. Gregory (stroke), 2; G. Jones (bow), E. Barker, C. Yates, and G. Haines (stroke), 3; W. Rutherford (bow), H. Foster, J. Braime, and F. Pearce (stroke). Won by barely a length; half a length between the second and third.

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AT Staleybridge, October 13, J. Ashton defeated F. Mellor in a half-mile run for £10.

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IN a run, nine hops, and a jump, at the Borough Grounds, Oldham, October 13, for £20, H. Kenworthy cleared 40ft 2in, and disposed of Joe Shaw by 1ft 5in.

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ON October 13, at Blackpool, a ten mile race, the first of a series to be decided between the well-known riders T. Relph and J. W. Schofield and H. Sansom and E. Oxborrow, took place for £100. The track was 3 laps 290 yards to the mile, and the men had to pass the winning-post thirty-five times. Sansom and Oxborrow showed the way until the thirty-fourth lap, when Relph and his partner shot to the front and won, after an exciting race, by six lengths in 27min 50sec. The next race is due to be run next Saturday, at Rochdale, but it is likely that Relph and Schofield will have a walk over.

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JACK GORMAN, of St. Luke's, called at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office the other day and stated that he proposed contending for the trophy given by THE MIRROR OF LIFE for the championship at rapid shaving. With Gorman the entry list is swelled up to seven, and it will therefore necessitate a seven nights' contest. The dates as declared are as follows:—Beaumont Hall, Mile End, November 1 and 15; Masonic Hall, Camberwell, November 5 and 8; Victoria Hall, Bayswater, November 12 and 19; Barnard's Falstaff Palace, November 21. In addition to the contest a first-class variety programme will be given each evening, and judging from present appearances the competition will be a closely contested one. Each of the entries will provide a judge, and in the event of the judges failing to agree upon an impartial referee, THE MIRROR OF LIFE will appoint that official, together with a time-keeper. The match will be conducted with the utmost fairness, and only one contestant will be permitted to appear on the stage at a time. Any competitor acting in an unruly manner will be deprived of the privilege of continuing in the match. It is proposed that the affair will be carried on with the utmost fairness and the best man will win.

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THIRTY men faced the starter for the Inflexible Club's twelve hours bicycle race at Putney, October 13. So splendidly did Hunt, of Nottingham, travel, that after three hours the race resolved itself into a procession, with the Nottingham rider going further away, Gibbons-Brookes taking second place among the safety riders, and Craig and Studor (on a tandem) coming next. Another tandem couple (Hamilton and Walton) created records for their type of machine at fifty-one miles, but then retired, all the times accomplished from that point by Studor and Craig being, therefore, bests on record. Hunt commenced breaking Chase's World's records at 136 miles, and at eight hours overtook A. E. Walters's World's records. Going in grand form, and keeping well ahead of record, Hunt eventually won by nearly 22 miles in the fresh World's record figures of 260 miles 177 yards; A. E. Walter's 258 miles 120 yards. The final scores were:—G. Hunt, Notts Corinthians, 260 miles 177 yards, 1; T. Gibbons-Brookes, Polytechnic C.C., 238 miles 293 yards, 2; A. E. S. Craig and W. Studor, Putney (tandem safety), 236 miles 1,268 yards, 3; W. J. Jones, Polytechnic C.C., 232 miles 243 yards. Messrs. Dutton and Swindley timed.

BROUGHT HIM TO TIME.

IF as a "champion diver" George Sexton, aged sixty-four, has proved a failure, seeing that in his career he acquired such a quantity of rheumatism that he now needs the aid of a pair of crutches, his powers as a prevaricator remain unimpaired. He was admitted to the casual ward of Kingston Workhouse, and for his night's lodging was asked to pick two pounds of oakum as a slight recompense to the ratepayers. He refused, alleging that his fingers were useless. Dr. Donald made an examination, and certified that he was able to work. At first the diver held his hands out with the fingers rigid, but when the doctor caught him by the thumb the hands became quite supple, showing that the casual was shamming. Sexton protested that he was not able to pick oakum, and said he had not been asked to do so in any of the workhouses from Kent to Kingston. Asked by the chairman of the bench before whom he was brought to answer for his laziness if he went from casual-ward to casual-ward, prisoner said no; Kingston was the first that he had ever been in. He went on to urge that he was really very poorly in health, although coming of a long-lived family. He buried his father last year, he said, at the age of 112, and his mother was 105 years of age. He offered to go back to the workhouse and pick the oakum after all if the magistrate would let him off this time. The chairman said they did not believe he was so innocent as he tried to make out, and he would go to prison for seven days with hard labour.

The borough surveyor will oppose all the two houses a night licences in Liverpool, at the forthcoming sessions.

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The Boissets are proving a great draw at the Royal, in "A Trip to Chinatown."

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SUBSCRIBER: "I have just heard that fifty people are coming to settle here."

Editor: "Thank the Lord! John, make out the bills."

— That H. P. Davies, a Canadian cyclist, is in England.

— That Dick Moore, the American middleweight, is in training at Barnet's Hotel in Eltham.

— That Frank P. Slavin must fight David St. John if he intends to continue in the boxing business.

— That John O'Brien is one of the gamest men that ever entered a prize ring.

— That Stanton Abbott has had an attack of malaria, and was recently forced to forfeit to Jack Bolan, an American lightweight.

— That Joe Goddard and Jim Quigley are matched to fight at Melbourne, Australia.

— That John Boyle is in training in Ayrshire, Scotland, for his fight with Tom Williams. Jem Stewart, a Glasgow heavyweight, is looking after Boyle and acts as his adviser.

— That the Coffee Cooler has made a hit upon the stage.

GOLFERS AT PLAY.

GOLFING competitions, on Saturday, showed a slight falling off as compared with the preceding two weeks. The Royal Epping Forest Club were holding their autumn meeting. The scratch medal went to Mr. H. A. Gardom (82). The gold quarterly medal was won by Mr. C. J. Fox (80 net), and the silver by Mr. G. R. Newburn (78 net). The Mid-Surrey Club's junior monthly medal competition resulted in a tie between Messrs. W. Wallington and H. Holland (80 net). Several prizes were competed for in the autumn meeting of the Worlington and Newmarket Club. The Rev. L. R. Tuttitt (88 net) won the Bunbury Cup, Mr. C. G. Salmon (93) the Baird Cup (scratch prize), and Mr. H. T. C. Bunbury (89 net), the hon. sec.'s medal. West Herts Club, monthly medals, handicaps of 12 and under:—Mr. F. A. W. Graham (80 net). Exceeding 12: Mr. A. Butcher (86 net). Littlestone Clubs' competition: Mr. J. A. Thomas (87 net).—Chester Club beat Conway Club by 18 up.—West Lancashire Club, Shelmerdine prize: Dr. Fisher (93), winner.—Southport Club, monthly medal: Messrs. F. W. H. Campbell and R. O. N. Dean tied at 82 net. They divided first and second sweepstakes.

The negotiations for the purchase of 159 acres of land to add to the existing golf links at Littlestone have resulted in the Romney Town Council agreeing to accept an offer of £2,000, considering it would be of great value to the neighbourhood to secure the permanent establishment of a good golf ground. The decision of the council was made known to the club on October 20.

LADY GREGORY is the very latest addition to the rank of titled actresses. And who is Lady Gregory? None other than our old friend Mrs. Fanny Stirling, recently the widow of Edward Stirling, author of "Old Drury Lane," and for many years stage manager of that venerable playhouse, and now the wife of Sir Charles Gregory, K.C.M.G., a very old and attached friend of the veteran actress. Mrs. Stirling, now Lady Gregory, has retired from the stage for some years, her last engagement having been at the Lyceum Theatre, under Mr. Henry Irving. Mrs. Stirling was born in London in July, 1816.

TURF NOTES.

NEWCASTLE, GATWICK, THIRSK, AND SANDOWN.

THE GATWICK HANDICAP.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE SELECTIONS.

WEEK'S FINALS.

THIS week will again be a busy one for those connected with racing. Gosforth Park has already advanced one day in the northern circuit, and further south Gatwick will be in full swing this afternoon, when the 1,000 sovs will be as a consolation to those who have been unsuccessful in gaining the judge's notice in the Cesarewitch, and in again trying conclusions their placings may result differently, because the distance is considerably less than that negotiated at the last Newmarket Meeting, although the running on that occasion must to some extent be the guide. Childwick, the top weight, will not be seen out, and Amiable, with her penalty, hardly looks so attractive as those of her own age which are placed on a somewhat different mark lower down in the handicap. As Shrine held a forward position for the event under notice last season with only 6st 13lb, the additional 18lb may be as much as this daughter of Pilgrimage will care to carry into a still better place; her third behind Childwick and Callistrate will no doubt enlist her many friends, but she should not be good enough to safely hold Humphreys's selected, who maintains a strong hand with Portland, Paddy, and Convent. The first-named at Doncaster, in the Cup, only succumbed to Sweet Duchess by a neck, having behind him a useful lot, among them being Paddy, to whom he was conceding 3lb. On this form he may be the chosen, and should go close. Oatlands and Tanderagee have had their accounts closed, the latter, who has been for so long on the shelf, has yet to earn his purchase money for his spirited owner. His victory over Raeburn in the Epsom Grand Prize when a three-year-old, will be remembered when he is seen at the post later. Opera Glass, who was somewhat unlucky, managed to reach the fifth place in the last big venture, and is considered by many good judges to hold a fair chance here to recoup those who will again throw in their lot on her side, for whether she is seen out in this or on Thursday, in the Temple Handicap, it will be good policy not to allow her to run loose. She should pick up either of these events if sent. Lowmoor, even with his light weight, may hardly be good enough in this company. Nobleman has a chance, as his victory at Doncaster shows, and the Huntingdon Stakes is a set off to his defeats by Shancrotha and Street Singer. In making a final selection, Opera Glass, coupled with Humphreys's selected (probably Portland) and the best of J. Day's pair (Shrine), should finish in the order named. Ware Riot and Chibiabos are a pair to strike the eye as having good chances in the Surrey Nursery, but from the dark division something may turn up and prove too good for some of the moderate performers, as some of those entered have shown themselves to be; Adderley if in the same mood as at Kempton, may again do the trick, and the chances of this trio may be safely trusted to account for the others.

The Red Hill Welter has closed with twenty-three entries, of these Legal Tender may be found to be the best, still the three winning brackets of Kate Paradise, at a mile, prove her very useful and her light impost may again enable her to score, and with the top weight Cabin Boy should be on the premises.

The Montefiore Stakes looks like falling to Gangway, who will be the solitary representative of that stable at the meeting, and as only a small field may contest the prize, I shall rest content with this candidate to represent me.

It is certain Newcastle will sustain its reputation both for attendance and sport; the northern contingent are devoted enthusiasts, and a record will be made when the numbers have been totalled off for the visitors, among whom many will be prepared to see Xylophone at his best in the Northumberland Autumn Plate, over what may be his favourite course, because it was here, as an odds on chance, he secured the Autumn Handicap last year, and some improvement may be expected from him since he finished behind Bushey Park; also Sweden may do better than when he ran unplaced to Quilon last August, conceding the latter 7lb, but the usual strong card is held by l'Anson with Newcourt, Shancrotha, Street Singer, and Kyle. The latter has the least of this quartette to recommend him, and Shancrotha should be his selected; if so, his good class may enable him to bracket this with his Queen's Plate win of last June. Bohemia should take the Stewards' Plate, and Southolme with Cyril II., look to be near the mark in the National Hunt Race. Sandown will be a continuation for racegoers at the Gatwick Meeting, and three days will be devoted to the Surrey fixture, which will conclude on Saturday. Although some of the stakes run into four figures, nothing of startling value will figure on the card. The Great Sapling Plate, on Thursday, the Autumn Handicap on Friday and Saturday's programme will introduce the illegitimate sport of timber topping, the chief item of which will be the Handicap Steeplechase, in which Emin may be successful; the other selections should, with a run, result as below.

The Cambridgeshire is now the chief item of speculation, and

Xury	.. ..	**1**
Medicis	.. ..	**2**
Brocatelle	...	**3**

are at present the best to depend upon.

GATWICK.

WEDNESDAY.

The Surrey Nursery,
Ware Riot.

The Redhill Welter,
Legal Tender or Kate Paradise.

The Gatwick Handicap,

Opera Glass	...	**1**
Paddy	... ...	**2**
Ha-Ha	... ...	**3**

The Montefiore Stakes,
Gangway.

NEWCASTLE AND GOSFORTH PARK.

Stewards' Plate,
Bohemia.

The Nursery Handicap.
Samola or Statira.

The Northumberland Autumn Plate,

Shancrotha	..	**1**
Xylophone	..	**2**
Sweden	.. ..	**3**

National Hunt Race,
Southolme or Cyril II.

SANDOWN PARK.

THURSDAY.

The Orleans Nursery,
Kenney.

The Temple Handicap,
Opera Glass or Miss Patty.

The Hermitage Plate,
Ben Avon.

The Maiden Plate,
John o' Scaham.

The Great Sapling Plate,

Hopbine	... ...	**1**
Featherstone	..	**2**
Galeottia	... ...	**3**

THIRSK.

THURSDAY.

The Mowbray Handicap,
Seafarer.

The Nursery Handicap,
Wild Queen.

The Autumn Handicap,
Upsilon.

The Gormire Plate,
Complications.

SANDOWN PARK.

FRIDAY.

The Hook Plate,
Barnstaple.

The Selection Stakes,
Avington.

The Autumn Handicap,
Erin or Harfleur II.

The Hersham Two-Year-Old Race,
Kilcock or Moti.

SATURDAY.

Handicap Hurdle Race,
Cameronian.

The Handicap Steeplechase,
Emin or Pickles.

The Three-Year-Old Hurdle Race,
Rohilla.

Club Steeplechase,
Lady Pat.

CHALK.

WE ARE INFORMED

— That Dagmar and De Celle, the couple now giving such an attractive turn at the Alhambra, first came to this country with Corbett in "Gentleman Jack," when they appeared in the Madison Gardens scene. Madame Dagmar Alexandra De Celle is a Londoner. Though of entirely Danish parentage, she was educated at Lee, in Kent. Her first professional engagement was with Miss Sarah Thorne, but from her she went to the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, of Boston, U.S.A., for a concert company, remaining with them for two seasons. It was during one of these tours that she met her husband, M. De Celle, who is a native of Illinois, and hails from Chicago. His first professional engagement was with the violinist Remenyi, touring with him for several seasons. However, the pair were offered an engagement together in New York, and thither they went. Next they were engaged by Mr. Brady to come to England, and after leaving Drury Lane were accepted by the Palace Theatre Company for one week, which eventually ran into fourteen. They are now well into their third month at the Alhambra.

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— That in the Westminster County Court an application was made for the committal of Mr. James Davis, a well-known playwright, professionally known as "Owen Hall." The debtor is the author of "A Gaiety Girl," and is said to be in a perfectly good position to pay what was due. He did not appear, and in his absence the learned judge made an order for his committal to Holloway for twelve days, but suspended the warrant for a month.

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— That Mr. W. Dennis, who on October 13, created the part of Dodd in "A Gay Widow" at the Court Theatre, made his professional début some ten years ago, and shortly after secured a good part on tour with Mrs. Langtry. He is now only in his early thirties, and comes of a clerical family, his father having been a clergyman in London, and his grandfather a canon of Durham Cathedral. His histrionic passion and talents exhibited themselves at a very early age, and he now possesses a programme on which his name figures which refers to a period when he was only a lad of seven.

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— That Miss Lillian Russell, the American prima donna, will bring her engagement at the Lyceum to a close this week. She has met with a well-deserved success, and a vast amount of credit is due to the management of the Lyceum in securing such a talented artist. She returns to the States to open up a season in New York.

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— That a flutter of excitement was caused last week amongst music-hall proprietors and managers.

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— That the opposition to the Empire was introduced by those who know nothing about it.

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— That Vesta Tilley went great at the Empire, Newcastle, last week.

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— That Florrey Leybourne has done good business lately.

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— That getting a decree nisi, filing a petition in bankruptcy, and getting married is more than most people do in a fortnight.

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— That Albert Chevalier has been made a happy man.

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— That Violet Thorneycroft has been engaged by Sir Augustus Harris as understudy in the principal parts in the "Derby Winner," at Drury Lane.

— That James Merrylees has scored well at the South London.

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— That a new aspirant to music-hall honours has been found in the person of Mr. John Farrington.

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— That Madame Patti will sing at a concert to be given at the Park Hall, Cardiff, on the 26th prox.

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— That the Grand, Liverpool, is undergoing great alterations to satisfy the licensing magistrates.

TRAIN ROBBERIES IN THE STATES.

A TELEGRAM from New York October 13 says: A passenger train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railway, bound for New York, was 'held up' last night near Quantico, Virginia. The robbers uncoupled the engine and started it at full steam down the line. After travelling for some distance it left the rails and was completely wrecked. The doors of the express car of the train were blown up with dynamite, and the messenger was forced under threats of death to open the safe, which contained a large quantity of gold, the value of which is variously estimated at between 50,000 and 150,000 dollars. The robbers secured all the gold, and then made good their flight in the direction of the Potomac River, and it is supposed that they crossed into Maryland. The affair occurred at seven o'clock in the evening, only about 35 miles from Washington, the capital of the United States. The train, with its battered express car, eventually reached the city at one o'clock in the morning, and New York at eight o'clock.

A later telegram says: The robbers who stopped the train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railway last night were seven in number. The moon was shining brightly at the time. The passengers were not molested. Although a number of shots were fired, no one was hurt, and they were evidently only intended to frighten the passengers and keep them in the cars. The only weapon which any of the passengers had was one small revolver, and when an attempt was made to fire it at the robbers it would not go off. The express car which was plundered belonged to the Adams Express Company. Two of the robbers entered it, while the rest kept guard over the train officials. Six through express packages were slit open, and their contents looted. The thieves were evidently familiar with railway management, and, from some remarks which they were heard to make, it is believed that they got into the train at the previous station. The express messengers report that all the safes were rifled. The thieves piled their plunder in the cab of the engine, and then started off on the locomotive in the direction of Quantico, leaving the train helpless. They abandoned the engine before reaching Quantico, and probably had a boat ready to cross the Potomac into Maryland. The amount of the money carried off will not be known until the agents on the Southern seaboard report the amount of the shipments. Neither the railway men in charge of the train nor the passengers were lacking in courage; but they had no weapons, while the thieves were armed with revolvers. The postal car, containing many sacks of registered letters, was not molested. One theory ascribes the robbery to former Coxeyites, some remnants of the Coxeyite army having drifted into the vicinity in which the train was stopped. Rewards for the apprehension of the thieves have been offered by Mr. Adams, Governor of Virginia, and by the railway company.

The plunder secured by the robbers who stopped the East bound overland express, near Sacramento, on Thursday night, consisted, with the exception of a few thousand dollars, entirely of gold.

The company offers a reward of 10,000dols for the apprehension of the robbers.

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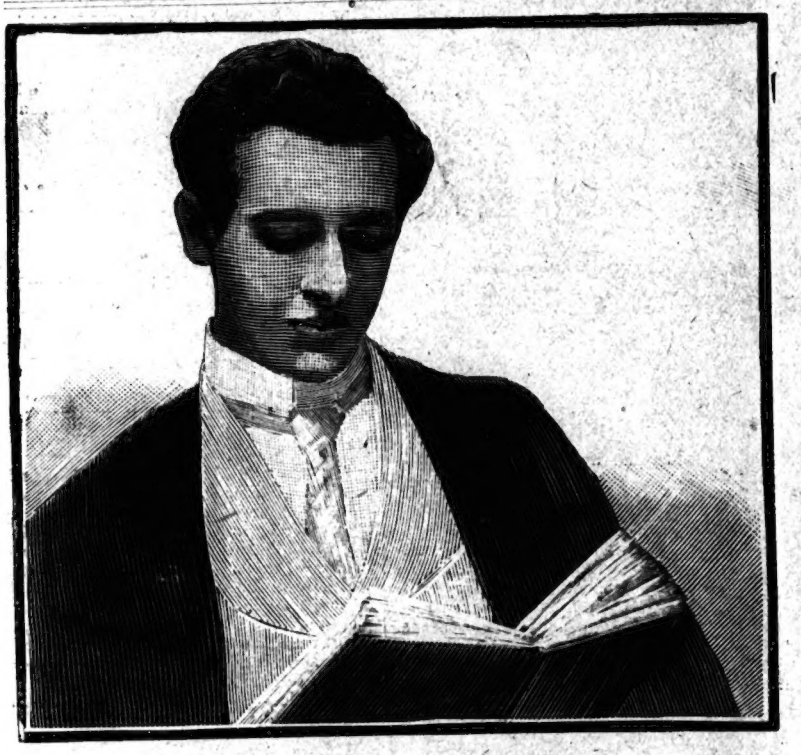

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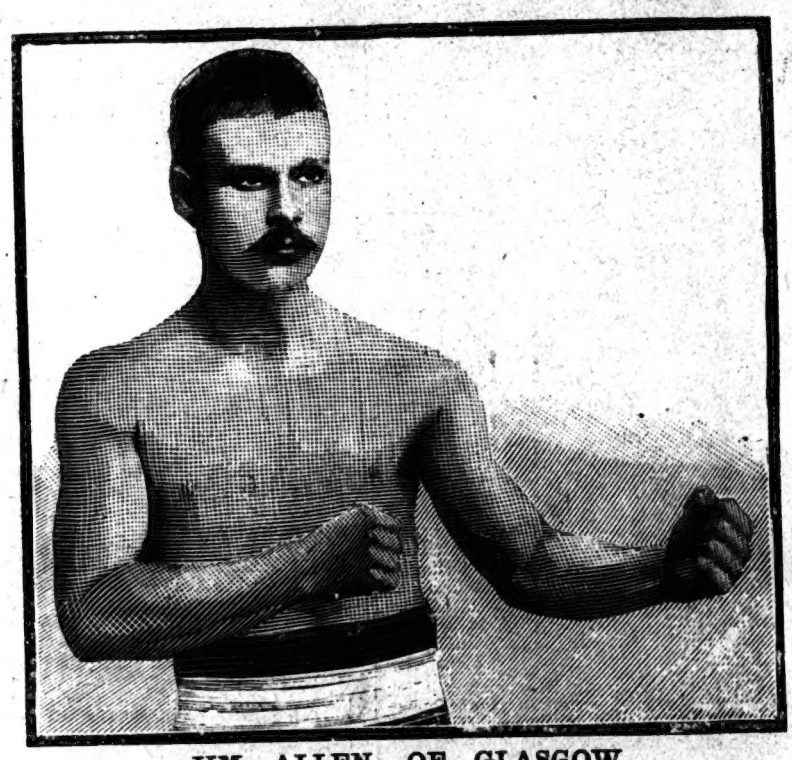

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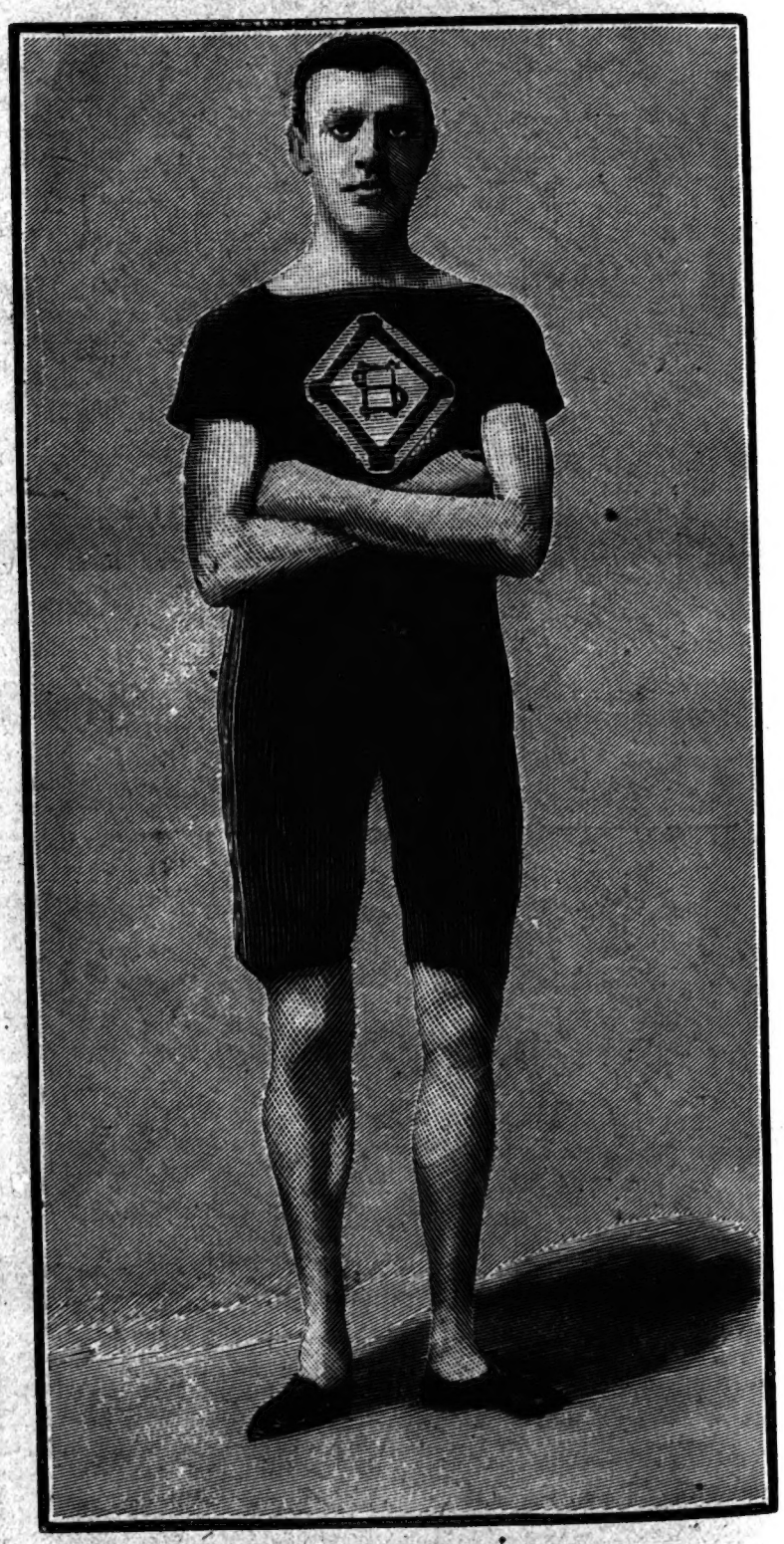

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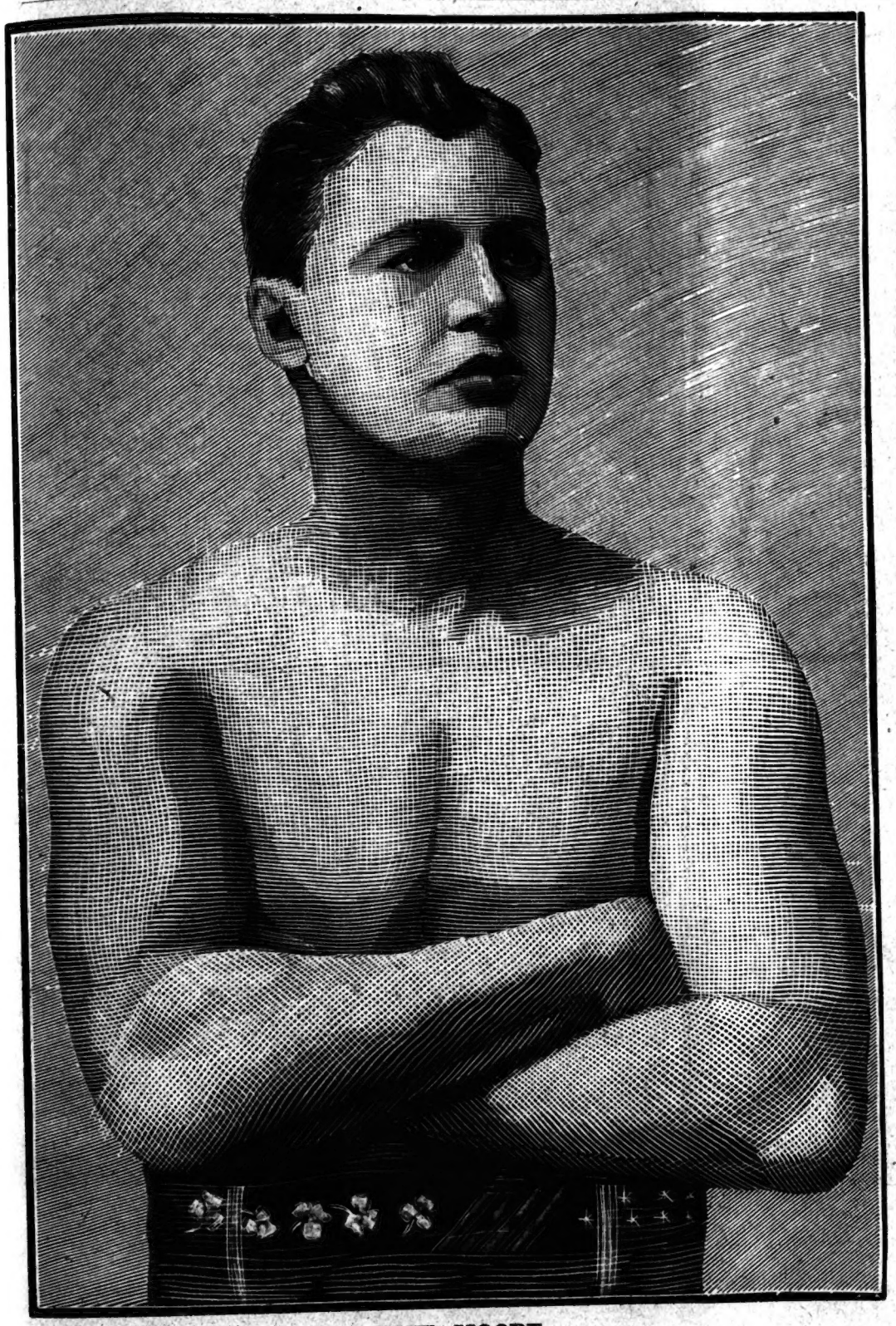

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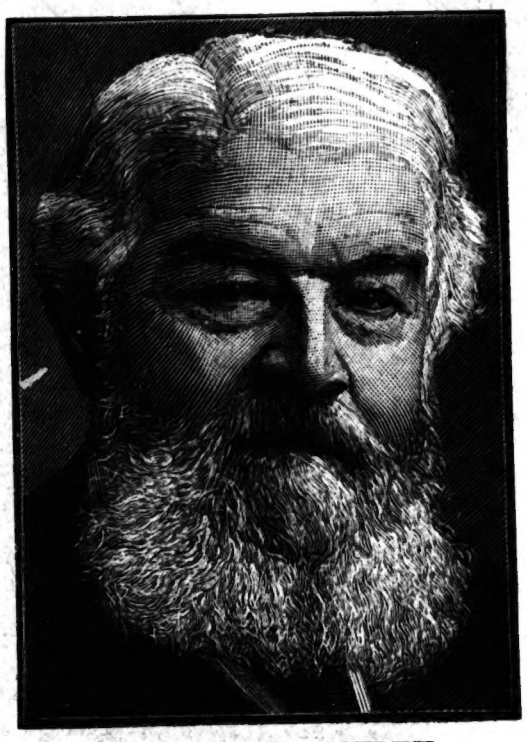

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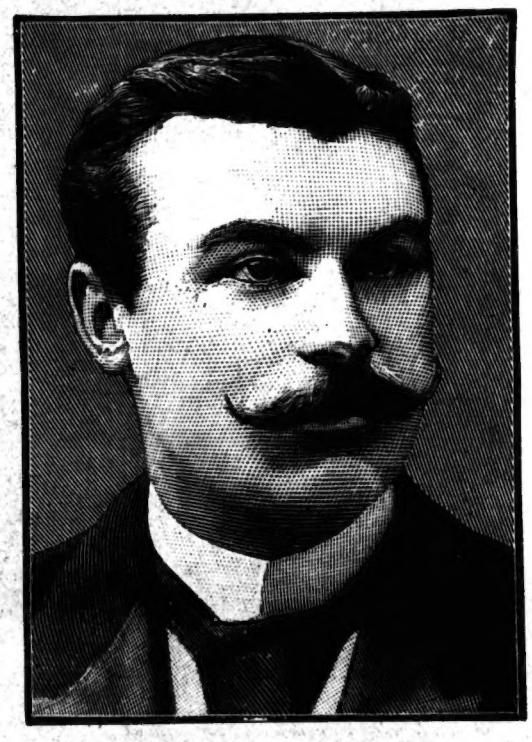

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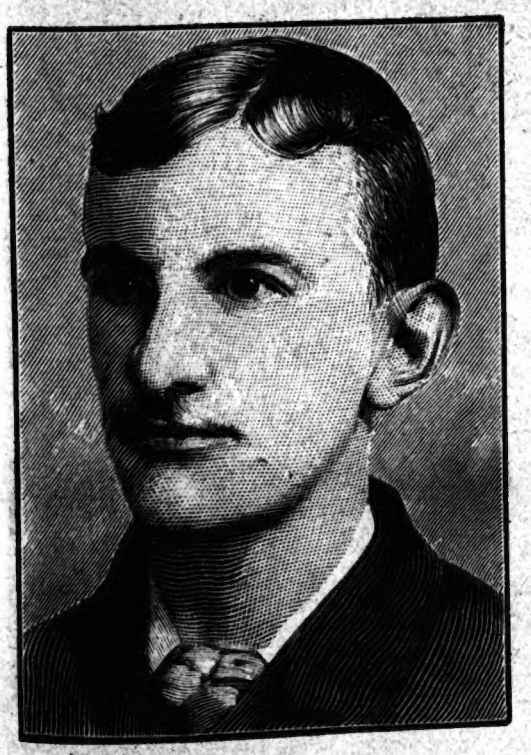

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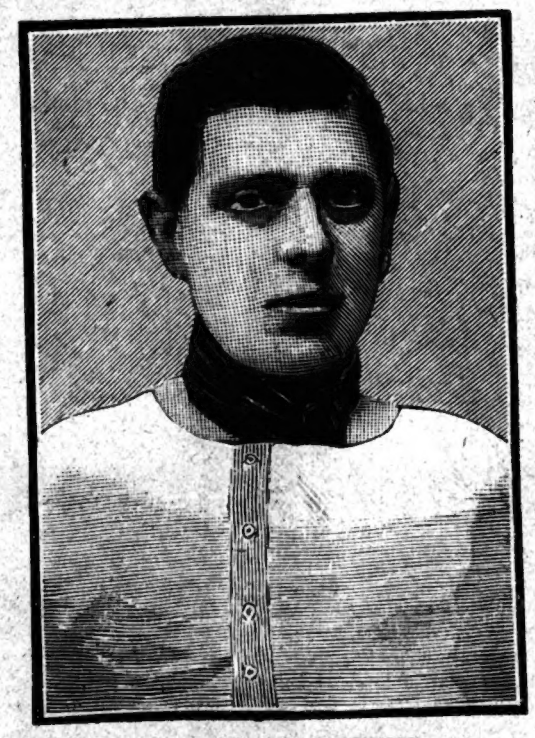

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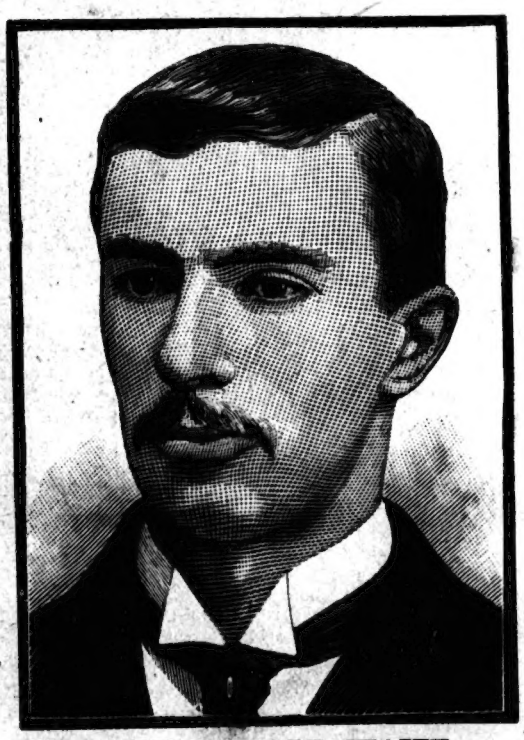

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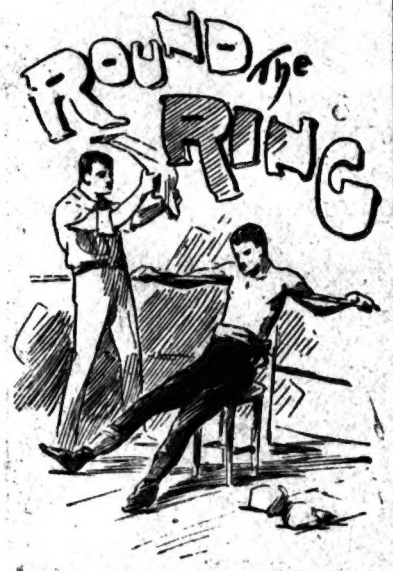

Middle-Weights Matched.

Dick Moore to Meet J. Driscoll.

Frank Craig to Pritchard.

The Cooler a Wonder.

Frank Slavin Challenged.

Will He Fight David St. John?

Fred Johnson Challenged.

Callan Looking for a Fight.

Contemplates Visiting America.

Corbett Agrees to Fight Fitzsimmons.

Gossip of the Fighters Here and Abroad.

(*With Portrait.*)

Through the efforts of THE MIRROR OF LIFE another international middle-weight glove fight has been arranged. When Dick Moore reached this country he at once called at our office and issued a challenge to meet any middle-weight in England for a suitable purse. None of that division took any notice of the Yankee's defy until we interviewed Jerry Driscoll, the champion of the Navy. That clever and popular pugilist expressed a willingness to take on Moore, and with a match in the prospective we prevailed upon Mr. John Fleming, of the National Sporting Club, to offer a suitable prize. Realising that such a contest would create a vast deal of interest, Mr. Fleming announced that he would provide a £100 purse.

A meeting was called between the men at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office, October 10, when Moore and Driscoll agreed to contest the best of twenty rounds with 4oz gloves, according to the National Sporting Club rules, for a purse of £100 and a wager of £50 a-side. Those interested called upon Mr. Fleming and attached their names to the club articles. They call for the men to post £10 each as first deposit with THE MIRROR OF LIFE, October 17, and the remaining £40 a-side to be deposited with THE MIRROR OF LIFE one week previous to the battle, which is to occur on Monday, November 26, at the National Sporting Club. On the day fixed for the contest we are to transfer the stakes to Mr. Fleming, who will officiate as final stakeholder.

Both men will go into training at once, and as they are game and clever exponents of the manly art a hard-fought and exciting contest will be the result.

RECORDS OF THE MEN.

DICK MOORE was born in Tipperary Island, on April 25, 1870, but was taken to America when he was two years old. His earlier days were passed in the town of Minneapolis and St. Paul. He began boxing in 1889, and in his first fight defeated Jack Kelly, at St. Paul, in two rounds. Then in succession, at Minneapolis, he defeated Charley Osborne in two rounds; Paddy Dunn in one round; Prof. Peasley in three rounds; Paddy Welsh in two; Tom Murray in ten; and fought drawn battles with the latter twice, in six and fifteen rounds respectively.

At Dayton, Ohio, Moore defeated Larry Brown in seven rounds, and won from Jack Riffles in two rounds.

He then matched with Billy Gibbs, the Kansas Demon. The mill was broken up by a riot in the fifth round, when Gibbs was nearly done for. This was a contest on the turf. Returning to St. Paul, Moore knocked out Blondy Eck in two rounds, Jimmy Griffin in three rounds, Jack Stanley two rounds, and Paddy Cummings seventeen rounds. He had a draw with Charley Johnson, eight rounds, and defeated Wiley Evans in thirteen rounds. Moore then encountered his first defeat, Charley Johnson putting him to sleep in thirteen rounds. Going then to Chicago, Moore matched with and defeated Henry Baker, the heavy-weight, in seven rounds, and then foolishly met Baker again. He suffered defeat, Baker scoring a win in sixteen rounds. Moore next won over Joe Tansey in seven rounds, and Jim Crowley suffered defeat at his hands in five rounds while he stayed in Chicago. Going further west, Moore defeated Barney Taylor, two rounds; Jack Kelly, three rounds; and Jack Stanley, one round—all at Omaha, Nebraska. At Kansas city he defeated Ned Golden in two rounds. While there he met two locals on the same night. The first, who was introduced as Jack Smith, lasted two rounds, and George Myer, the second opponent, stood but a round longer. Returning to St. Paul, the scene of his first triumphs, Moore defeated Henry Jackson in three rounds, and earned a glowing tribute from James J. Corbett, who witnessed the match. Moore then matched with and defeated Jim Fitzpatrick in two rounds, and beat Tom Murray in ten rounds. Probably his grandest victory was next scored for he gained a decision over "Shadow," Billy Maber, the Australian, in twenty rounds. Going to Minneapolis, he defeated George Kessler, the conqueror of the "Marine," in two rounds, and met and decidedly bested "Buffalo" Martin Costello in twenty rounds. At Boston he defeated Ed. Roche in four rounds, fought a ten round draw with Dan Creedon, and also with Billy McCarthy. His last battle was with Creedon, who defeated Moore at Minneapolis in nine rounds. Moore presents as neat and gentlemanly an appearance as any man in the pugilistic business. He stands 5ft 9in in height, and weighs in condition 11st 4lb. He is quiet and unassuming.

DRISCOLL has made a vast improvement in his style of fighting since he defeated Ted Fenton last spring, and believes himself good enough to take on any of the old experienced hands at even weights. Driscoll was born at Westminster on July 23, 1869. He commenced boxing in 1883, when only a lad of fourteen. In the following year he won an 8st 6lb novices' competition at the Prince's Head. In 1885 he entered the Navy, being attached to the training ship Boscawen. When on board H.M.S. Bacchante in the East Indies he beat W. Edwards (a black), who called himself champion of Calcutta, in four rounds for 400 rupees. In 1889 he won the championship of Portsmouth competition (open to the Army and Navy), beating in the final Corporal Jordan, of the Royal Artillery. When at Malta he won the championship open to the Army and Navy doing duty in the Mediterranean in 1892, and repeated the victory in 1893. Beat A. Cameron (champion of the Navy) in three rounds, at the Goodwin Gymnasium, for £40, September 7, 1893. Boxed for the National Sporting Club middle-weight championship belt, and after beating Ned Ryan, of Haggerston, in the opening bouts, he was defeated in the second series by Alf. Bowman. Since then he has beaten Ted Fenton.

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FRANK CRAIG, the Coffee Cooler, coloured middle-weight champion of the world, paid a visit to THE MIRROR OF LIFE office, in company with his friend and adviser, Prof Denny F. Butler, on Friday, October 12, in reference to a match with Ted Pritchard. "It is rather hastening matters," said Craig, "to make a match so soon after my meeting with John O'Brien; but so long as Prof. Butler has made the proposition I feel duty bound to go ahead with the business. When I first reached England it was my intention to meet O'Brien, and after that affair was decided seek engagements upon the music-hall stage, doing specialty turns, consisting of song and dance and performing upon a mouth-organ. At home I have held the championship as a buck dancer, and at the mouth organ I was credited with being the most proficient artist in the world. Playing such an instrument as I do would certainly prove a novelty in this country, and that is the main reason why I was desirous of going upon the stage. However, I am in the business to take on any middle-weight in the world, providing suitable purse money is offered by a reliable club; therefore I wish you would publish my proposal to Ted Pritchard." The Cooler handed us £50 in bank notes and the following: "In response to Ted Pritchard, permit me to announce my willingness to fight him twenty rounds, or to a finish, with small gloves, according to the Marquis of Queensberry Rules, in a 24ft. ring, for a stake of from £200 to £500 a-side and an added purse, to be given by a responsible club; for instance, the National Sporting Club of London. Being a middle-weight, I should insist that Pritchard and myself should be confined to 11st 4lb each upon entering the ring. Mr. B. J. Angle to officiate as referee, and he to appoint a timekeeper. I herewith deposit with you £50 as a forfeit to show that I mean business, and if Mr. Pritchard really wants a fight with me he has only to cover my deposit and appoint a day of meeting at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office, 108, Fleet Street, London, and I shall be on hand fully prepared to attach my name to articles of agreement comprising the foregoing restrictions as to weight and terms.

"I am a stranger in this country, and all I ask is for a fair field and no favour. I shall await a reply in THE MIRROR OF LIFE. Should Mr. Pritchard decline to meet me at the middle-weight limit I shall be willing to fight any man in the world, of recognised merit, at 11st 4lb on entering the ring, for from £200 to £500 a-side. As I have already booked several important engagements to appear upon the stage, I would suggest that the match be made to occur four months from signing articles."

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ON October 9, David St. John, the Cardiff giant, visited several sporting resorts in London and expressed a desire to meet any heavy-weight in the world in a glove fight to a finish. He came in contact with Frank P. Slavin, and when the Australian declared that he would not notice St. John because he didn't possess a great reputation, the giant became rather indignant, and high words passed. Slavin made a move as though he contemplated serving the Welshman out for his intrepidity, but before he could plant in a hit St. John landed a right-hander on the head, sending Slavin sprawling upon the floor. The Australian rose slowly, and was about to renew the fight when mutual friends intervened.

The admirers of St. John were enraged at the insolent remarks their favourite received from Slavin, and on the following day they visited the offices of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

They request us to state that David St. John will fight Frank P. Slavin with small gloves to a finish according to the Marquis of Queensberry Rules, in a twenty-four foot ring, six or eight weeks from signing articles, for £o00 a-side and an added purse. They agree, upon receiving notification of an acceptance on the part of Slavin, to post £100 at our office as a forfeit to prove that only business is meant.

The offer is certainly a straightforward one, and the Australian cannot afford to ignore it, providing he wishes to convince the public that he is still in the pugilistic business. St. John's reputation is fully as good if not better than Slavin's, and he would be well backed if a match was consummated. It is true that he was defeated by John O'Brien, but up to the time St. John received the fatal blow it looked any odds on the giant scoring a win. Again, O'Brien is a wonderfully good man, and it will take a tip-topper to lower his colours any time he enters a ring fit and well.

Slavin should certainly avail himself of the opportunity of meeting St. John, and were he to prove successful it would have a tendency to cause the sporting public to forget his questionable defeat at the hands of Jim Hall. If he declines to take on the Welshman many of his admirers will feel convinced that he is afraid to fight a young big 'un who gives promise of becoming a champion heavy-weight pugilist.

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JUDGING from all appearances, several first-class American pugilists will invade England during the coming winter. Mike Sears, a remarkably clever lad at 6st 7lb, writes to THE MIRROR OF LIFE that he would be pleased to meet Pedlar Palmer for a suitable purse and a side bet. All he asks for is a reasonable allowance for expenses, and in the event of a match being made he will take passage on the first steamer leaving for here, and will be prepared to enter the ring four weeks from the time of his arrival.

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JOHNNY GRIFFIN, one of the best men in America at 8st 10lb, wishes a "go" here, as the following letter will explain:—

To the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

SIR,—Understanding that Fred Johnson is desirous of arranging a match to fight any man in the world at 8st 10lb, I wish to state that I will meet Johnson in a contest of twenty rounds or to a finish with small gloves, according to the Marquis of Queensberry Rules, for £100 or £200 a-side and a suitable purse. I will allow £40 expenses for Johnson to fight me in New York, or I will accept £40 and meet him in England, providing the National Sporting Club, or some other reliable organisation, will offer a fair purse. If Johnson desires to ratify a match with me, he has only to post a deposit in your hands and forward articles, and I will see that he is accommodated.

JOHN T. GRIFFIN,
Braintree, Mass.

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A MATCH between Griffin and Johnson would be well worth witnessing, and should command a purse of not less than £100. Griffin, it will be remembered, fought Young Griffo and Ike Weir the Spider to a draw. Two years ago he and George Dixon indulged in a considerable amount of newspaper controversy. Both expressed themselves as being prepared to make a match for £500 a-side, and when Griffin deposited the full amount of the money in the hands of a reliable Boston sportsman, Dixon's manager insisted on a fight for not less than £2,000 a-side. He saw Dixon, and went him one better by declaring that Dixon could have a match for any part of £5,000. George, however, thought better of it, and after depositing a cheque against Griffin's money he called upon the stakeholders and withdrew from the affair. He has given Griffin a wide berth ever since.

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IN all probability, Arthur Callan, a clever Wood Green light-weight, will visit the States in the near future. He called at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office, October 11, and expressed a desire to "take on" any man in America at 9st 6lb for a suitable purse and a side bet. THE MIRROR OF LIFE has instructed its New York correspondent to negotiate a match for Callan against Jim Dime, Billy Ahearn, or Stanton Abbott. In the event of suitable arrangements being made, Callan will proceed at once to the States. Speaking of Harry Webster, of Somers Town, Callan states that he would not listen to conceding Webster two or four pounds in a match, but he will sign an agreement to fight Webster twenty rounds, or to a finish, at 9st 6lb on entering the ring, for £50 or £100 a-side. Callan had a deposit of £25 in London offering to fight Webster, but the latter paid no attention to the proposition until after the Wood Green lad had withdrawn his money. Callan says that if Webster desires to arrange a match, he has only to place a forfeit with THE MIRROR OF LIFE and appoint a day of meeting to sign articles.

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JOHN WALL and Thomas Callaghan, two bantams of Newcastle, have been matched to box twelve rounds at 8st 4lb, give or take two pounds, at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, October 18, for £25 a-side.

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JERRY DRISCOLL, who is matched to fight Dick Moore, has started in training at Brighton under the care of George Swanney.

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BILLY PLIMMER, the Birmingham lad, has arranged another match with Johnny Murphy. This time they are to go to a finish at New Orleans. Plimmer claims to have been dosed when he met Murphy recently, and now feels confident that with good training in a unish fight he will win.

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STANTON ABBOTT has taken on Young Griffo for a finish fight, to be decided near New York, for 2,500 dollars a-side. If Griffo gets himself in good condition he should enter the ring a heavy favourite. Abbott's recent performances have not improved his reputation to any great extent. He claimed to have been misused in his first meeting with Jack Everhardt at New Orleans, and was therefore given a second chance in order that he might redeem his reputation. In his last battle Everhardt had decidedly the best of the encounter.

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A 9st 4lb competition for a silver watch was boxed to a decision at the Camden Gymnastic Club, Walthamstow, the other night. The final bout was contested by Albert Leake, of Walworth, and Tom Healey, of Portsmouth. The first-named proved himself a clever lad, and at the end of the third round was given the decision.

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CHARLEY GLEDHILL, of Edmonton, met E. Brady, of Newcastle, at the Percy Cottage, Newcastle-on-Tyne, October 8, to box the best of fifteen rounds for £50 and the 6st 12lb championship. When the men were called upon to weigh in, it was found that Brady's weight was 7st 2½lb. After considerable discussion, Gledhill finally consented to go on with the match as advertised. During the first three rounds both men fought in excellent style, with honours evenly distributed. During the next two rounds Gledhill secured the advantage, but in the seventh round Brady fought in a most determined fashion, causing Gledhill to fall away very weak. Brady maintained the lead he had gained, and in the tenth round knocked Gledhill down. During the thirteenth round Gledhill committed a palpable foul, and the referee gave his decision in favour of Brady.

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AT the North Middlesex Hall, Upper Edmonton, October 8, a 9st competition was fought to a conclusion. Mike Herbert, of Holborn, and Jim Brown, of Hackney, contested the final bout. The last named assumed a commanding lead in the opening round, and in the second he put in a right-hander on the jaw, knocking Herbert out of time.

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JACK REYNOLDS and Dick Lincoln met at the Victory, Stepney, to contest the best of eight rounds, but in the sixth Reynolds landed a severe stomach blow that forced Lincoln to retire.

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PATSY MALONE disposed of Burgess in the first round of a final bout in an 8st competition at Radcliff, October 8.

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IN a catch-weight competition at Brennon's Gymnasium in Plaistow the other night George Denham forced Jack Walsh to put out his hand before the first round had expired in the final bout.

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GEORGE WILLSON, a retired pugilist and Leicester sporting man, has disposed of his saloon at Belgrave Gate, Leicester. He will devote his attention in future to the management of George Corfield.

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BERT SMITH, of Edmonton, wants to meet Goody York, of Colchester, in a limited round contest, and gives every promise of making a much better show than he did on the occasion of their last meeting.

GEORGE WILLIS, of Spitalfields, turned tail before Joe Brown, of Shoreditch, in the fourth round of a glove contest at the Metropolitan the other evening.

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A SERIES of glove contests were decided on October 6 in Paris. Spike Kilham and Sid Phillips were the first pair to dispute the ownership of a purse. Both slogged in a most determined fashion for seven rounds, when Phillips put in two good hits—one on the heart and another on the mouth—knocking Kilham out of time. Dido Plumb and Ted Rich fought seven rounds, and the manner in which they did battle impressed upon the audience that neither was on the job; the referee declared the bout a draw.

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TOM WOOLEY, of Walsall, wants another battle with Harry Overton, of Birmingham. He agrees to box for £50 or £100 a-side and the best purse obtainable.

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JACK BURKE, known as the Irish Lad, announces that he has retired from boxing. He threatens to visit either India or South Africa this winter.

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AARON MOSS, a nephew of the original Young Dutch Sam, died the other day. When only seventeen years of age he fought his first battle against Crafty Sullivan, whom he defeated for a small stake. He then emigrated to the United States, where he fought three battles—viz., a draw with Johnny Sweetman, for £120; and beat George Connoll twice, the first time for £20 and the second for £50. He returned to London, and after graduating in the metropolitan boxing academies he became very clever, and readily found friends to back him against Jemmy Gollagher, of Somers Town, for £25 a-side, at 8st 4lb. It took place on the banks of the Thames, July 9, 1851. Sam drew first blood from the ear in the first bout, but Gollagher equalised matters by gaining the first knock-down blow in the twenty-fifth, and ultimately won, after contesting sixty-four rounds, in 1hr 20min. Moss was unable to find a suitable customer until 1863, when he was matched against Jack Drew for £50 a-side, at 8st. When the weighing took place at Bob Travers's, the Sun and Thirteen Cantons, each man was only an ounce or so under the weight. The battle took place down the river on Tuesday, March 17, 1863. Moss again drew first blood from the nose in the second round, and, curiously enough, in the sixteenth round Drew gained first knock-down blow by a right-hander on the jaw. After twenty-one rounds had been fought in 47 minutes the police appeared, and seized the ropes and stakes. The referee ordered the men to meet him at London Bridge Terminus on the following Thursday, and a ring was pitched in Hampshire. Drew entered it, but Moss having fractured two of his ribs did not go through that formality, and on meeting at *Bell's Life* office the following day awarded the stakes to Drew. This was the close of his pugilistic career, and he was for some time in the London Hospital. For many years he followed racing, and died at his late residence in Commercial Street, Spitalfields. The deceased was 58 years of age.

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FRANK CRAIG, the Coffee Cooler, coloured middle-weight champion of the world, is appearing nightly at the Washington Music Hall, Battersea, this week. He performs a buck dance, solos on a mouth organ, and spars with his friend Professor Butler. He is creating quite a sensation in that district, and will no doubt prove himself a strong card wherever he appears, because he is the best in the world at buck dancing and at performing upon the mouth organ.

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THE Belsize Boxing Club held its first practice meeting for the season on October 11 at its rooms in St. John's Wood. The members turned out in full force, including all the officers for the present season. Professor Alec Roberts, Jim Brock, and Alf Bowman were kept busy during the entire evening by the members in instructing them the manly art. Jerry Driscoll, the naval champion, who is matched against Dick Moore, was present, and indulged in several spirited bouts with club members. Mr. James E. Dewhurst called a committee meeting directly after the practice for the evening was brought to a close, and presented a long list of names for membership. Mr. Dewhurst proposes to make the coming season the most prosperous one since the organisation of the club.

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AFTER a considerable amount of newspaper controversy James J. Corbett unfurled the Stars and Stripes and came forward on October 11 to meet Bob Fitzsimmons for the purpose of arranging a finish fight. The course he and his wily manager had adopted in endeavouring to avoid a battle was denunciated by the press and public in the United States. He readily perceived that unless he came to some agreement with Fitzsimmons it would be useless for him to continue on the road with his "Gent'eman Jack" company. The men met in New York City and signed articles for the fight to a finish, to take place at the Florida Athletic Club at Jacksonville on or about July 1, 1895, for 10,000 dollars a-side and an added purse of 41,000dols. The articles signed by the men are similar to those which were adopted by Corbett and Sullivan on the occasion of their fight in 1892. Though the men talk of fighting on July 1, or thereabouts, it is hardly likely that Corbett will permit the match to take place short of a twelvemonth. The climate in Jacksonville during the month of July is so exceedingly warm that it is improbable that two men residing in the Northern States would ever dare to go there and train, much less enter a ring to decide a battle for a small-sized fortune. Aside from that, it is safe to say that the Florida Athletic Club will never be allowed by the authorities to bring such an important match to a decision. There is no question but that Corbett fully realises this, and in signing the articles he seals Fitzsimmons's mouth for nine months to come. We shall expect to hear of this match terminating in the same manner as the one between Corbett and Jackson. "Gentleman Jack" is not in the field to fight, and particularly such a tough customer as Fitzsimmons. He has too high a regard for his personal appearance, and so long as he can continue to "gull" the general public he will rest upon his laurels. His mouthpiece, Bill Brady, the tramp of the show, will use the prospective match as an advertising medium for the present season.

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JIMMY DIME, the best 9st man in America, writes to THE MIRROR OF LIFE that he would be pleased to come here and take on Harry Spurden or any man in Great Britain at 9st for twenty rounds, or to a finish, for £200 a-side, providing suitable expenses are allowed and a good size purse is offered by a responsible London Club. Dime declares that he would be satisfied to meet Martin Denny, the Australian, now located in Dublin, at 9st 4lb on the same terms.

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TOMMY RYAN, of Chicago, conceded to be the best 10st pugilist in the world, has signed articles to fight Jack Dempsey twenty-five rounds at the Auditorium Club in New Orleans on December 12 for a purse of 5,000 dols. It is stipulated in the agreement that Professor Duffy is to referee the fight, and the men are to weigh in at 144lb at the ring side. Dempsey, it will be remembered, was formerly known as the Nonpareil, and during his ring career he has won over fifty battles. He received a set-back at the hands of Bob Fitzsimmons, whom he faced for fourteen rounds. Many sporting men in the States believe that Dempsey has recovered his old time form, and in this match should stand an excellent show of success.

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"PARSONS" DAVIES has been heard from. He says that Fitzsimmons is a wonderful man, and will give Corbett the fight of his life, if they meet. Furthermore, Davies says that if Corbett would pay less attention to Brady and more to his business of pugilism he would be more popular with the American sporting public. The next thing in order seems to be a bout between Brady and Davies.

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THE Dublin *Sport* says:—"A better man at his weight than the 'Coffee Cooler' has not been seen for many a long day. He is positively a mass of muscle and wire springs, and literally and figuratively made rings round O'Brien before he finally knocked him out in the second round. His display suggests that Peter Maher must now be a nailer, seeing that the Irish champion treated Craig just as he treated O'Brien."

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FRANK CRAIG, the Coffee Cooler, and Professor Dennis Butler were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pony Moore at their palatial residence in St. John's Wood, on October 14. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Tony Sage of Dublin, Mr. Davis, and several gentlemen from Cardiff. The company were indeed treated in a most hospitable fashion, and after dinner the Coffee Cooler entertained those present with solos on the mouth-organ, and sung several plantation melodies. Mr. Stratton, too, took a hand in making the party merry with several favourite songs.

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THE friends of Jim Butler, the black, who was one of our best at 9st 6lb, propose tendering their favourite a testimonial at the Checkered Boxing Club rooms in Pembroke Street, Liverpool, October 29. Quite an interesting programme is being mapped out, and in the wind-up Butler will try conclusions with Henry Brown, a clever 9st 6lb coloured pugilist.

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THE 20-round glove contest between Jack Maloney, 6st 10lb champion, and Bill Langford, which was decided at the Kennington Social Club, October 12, for a £50 purse, terminated in rather an unsatisfactory manner. Langford showed himself to be a determined lad, and went at Maloney in a vicious manner, nearly toppling him over in the opening round. Both did some effective work, Langford holding a pronounced lead throughout. Maloney hit very low several times; in fact, he committed a foul, and was cautioned. Half-way through the eighth round he again violated the rules, and the referee had no alternative but to render a decision in favour of Longford.

H. Munroe, of Hackney, ex-champion at 6st 10lb, and Tom Allsop, of Battersea, tried conclusions for twenty rounds for a purse. In the initial rounds Munroe put in some good body hits, and appeared to have much the best of matters. Allsop pulled himself together, however, and in the seventh round he fought Munroe down. The eighth round was hotly contested, the lads falling side by side. During the twelve succeeding rounds Allsop managed to have matters pretty much his own way, and was declared the winner.

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TED PRITCHARD and Dick Burge have agreed to decide their ten-round glove contest for the gate receipts at Drill Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Neither man has gone into strict training as yet, and it is doubtful if they will. Burge will resort to gentle exercise in order to enter the ring big and strong. Pritchard contemplates a trip to Scotland, and it is probable he will remain in that section to reduce his weight.

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ARTHUR VALENTINE entered the ring at Central Hall, October 13, with the expectation of knocking out Dummy Winters in a round, but the Dummy made it exceedingly warm for Arthur, who only secured the verdict through superior cleverness on points.

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JOHN O'BRIEN, champion middle-weight of Wales, is to take a benefit at Pontypridd early in November. He will also conduct an athletic tournament at Cardiff shortly, when Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, will be present to participate in the wind-up.

THAMES ANGLERS.

RECENT rains not having been heavy enough to colour the water, the Thames is still running bright, and sport, taken all round, has not been very encouraging. Roach, however, are not so shy as others, and some fair takes have been secured punt-fishing in the Staines, Wraysbury, and Great Marlow waters. A bank angler at Windsor caught between 6lb and 7lb, his best roach scaling close on 1lb. Some nice perch have been landed in the Kingston district, and jack have been on the move, but have run small. Bream up to 4lb 12oz have also been taken in the Kingston waters. Sport has not improved up the Lea, the river being out of condition. An angler at Tottenham has had twenty roach, and pike up to 5½lb have been captured at Hertford, which has also yielded chub up to 2lb 8oz. A perch of 1lb 9oz has been taken in the Rye House waters. Fishing is reported quiet on the Suffolk Stour and Sussex Arun, and not much has been accomplished on the Medway. Sea anglers have been rewarded with some good sport at Deal, while two ex-mayors of Bournemouth (Alderman Newlyn and Lieutenant-Colonel Rebbeck) have during the last twelve days taken, a short distance off Bournemouth Pier, 1,367 silver whiting, 68 mackerel, and 21 various, or a total of 1,456 fish.

A PROPOSED LAW-BREAKING STRUCTURE.

THE MIRROR OF LIFE stated some time since that a New York Syndicate proposed erecting a structure in the Atlantic Ocean, about 17 miles from New York. The scheme is creating considerable interest in the States. The idea is to erect a number of palatial iron structures, connected with one another by artistic bridges on the principle of connecting structures among the islands of Venice. Atlantis is to be situated about 11 miles from the Long Island shore, and about 17 miles east the Navesink Highlands. The leading spirit in this strange idea is Mr. C. M. Coen, who is very confident that his new island town will not prove a failure. Wood and other inflammable material will not be used in the construction of the buildings, but the edifices will be built entirely of glass, tiling, cement, iron, steel, and like material, thus rendering them fireproof. The first or main floor of the principal building will be situated far above the sea level. It is stated that it would require a wave 30ft higher than has ever been measured in the Atlantic Ocean to even touch the girders of the lower floor of the building. So original an undertaking has naturally proved very captivating to the citizens of the United States, who are always on the look-out for anything new. It is alleged, by the way, that the place is to be turned into a kind of American Monte Carlo. Its distance from the mainland will put it outside the ordinary United States jurisdiction.

PATIENT: "Why does whiskey make my nose red?"

Doctor: "It's because you drink it, sir."

PHUNNYGRAPHS.

Ethel: "Mamma, I saw a sign in one of the stores to-day that said they were selling kids at half price."

Mamma: "Well?"

Ethel: "I thought maybe you would go down and buy me a little brother while they were cheap."

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YOUNG TUTTER: "Do you mind, Miss Clara, if I don't wear a dress suit after this when I call?"

Miss Pinkerly: "Certainly not, Mr. Tutter, if you are coming on business."

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HE: "Why do you always have your dog with you when I call?"

She (demurely): "For protection, of course."

He: "In what way?"

She: "Well, if mamma heard anything she might think I was kissing Fido."

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"DOCTOR, I am troubled with shooting pains in my face."

"Yes, madam; you use too much powder."

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SHE: "Well, what did you think of the church festival?"

He: "It reminded me of a prize fight more than——"

She: "Heavens! people didn't come to blows, did they?"

He: "No; but everybody talked all the time."

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"PREACHER made a bad break to-day."

"How was that?"

"Well, there was no fire in the stove, and he meant to read the text: 'Many are called, but few are chosen.'"

"Well?"

"Read it; 'Many are chilled, and a few are frozen.'"

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HE: "Do you think your father would object to my marrying you?"

She: "I don't know. If he's anything like me he would."

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LITTLE ETHEL: "Dottie Dimples is the luckiest little girl I know."

Little Johnny: "Why so?"

Little Ethel: "The only brother she has is growed up."

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ELDER BERRY: "Did the natives of Central Africa give you a warm reception?"

Returned Missionary: "Yes, indeed; they were so tickled to see me that they wanted to eat me up."

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A STORY of Scotch honesty comes from Dundee. A small boy had taken the prize for an exceptionally well-drawn map. After the examination the teacher, a little doubtful, asked the lad:—

"Who helped you with this map, James?"

"Nobody, sir."

"Come, now, tell me the truth. Didn't your brother help you?"

"No, sir; he did it all."

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MRS. MCSWATTER: "My dear, a tramp came here to-day and stole some of my freshly-made biscuits."

McSwatter (getting his revolver): "Where is he, and I'll put him out of his agony?"

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He: "Higbee would have run through his fortune in a month if it had not been for his wife."

She: "How did she prevent it?"

He: "She spent it herself."

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SHE: "It takes two to make a bargain, you know."

He: "Yes; but only one gets it!"

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"FORGIVE me," he pleaded contritely. "I didn't mean to kiss you, but the impulse was irresistible."

"Forgive you!" she snapped. "Never while I live! A girl may forgive a man for kissing her, but never for apologising afterwards."

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PORTLY MAMMA: Why do you stare so at all the gentlemen we meet, Ella? I am surprised at you.

Ella: Why, mamma, didn't you tell papa yesterday it is time that I was looking around for a man.

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MISS REMSEN: "Didn't I see you on a bicycle the other day?"

Dashaway: "If you did you must have looked quick."

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HAYES: "I wonder why Brown sold the watchdog he used to blow about so much?"

Jackson: "A tramp stole the chain the dog was tied to."

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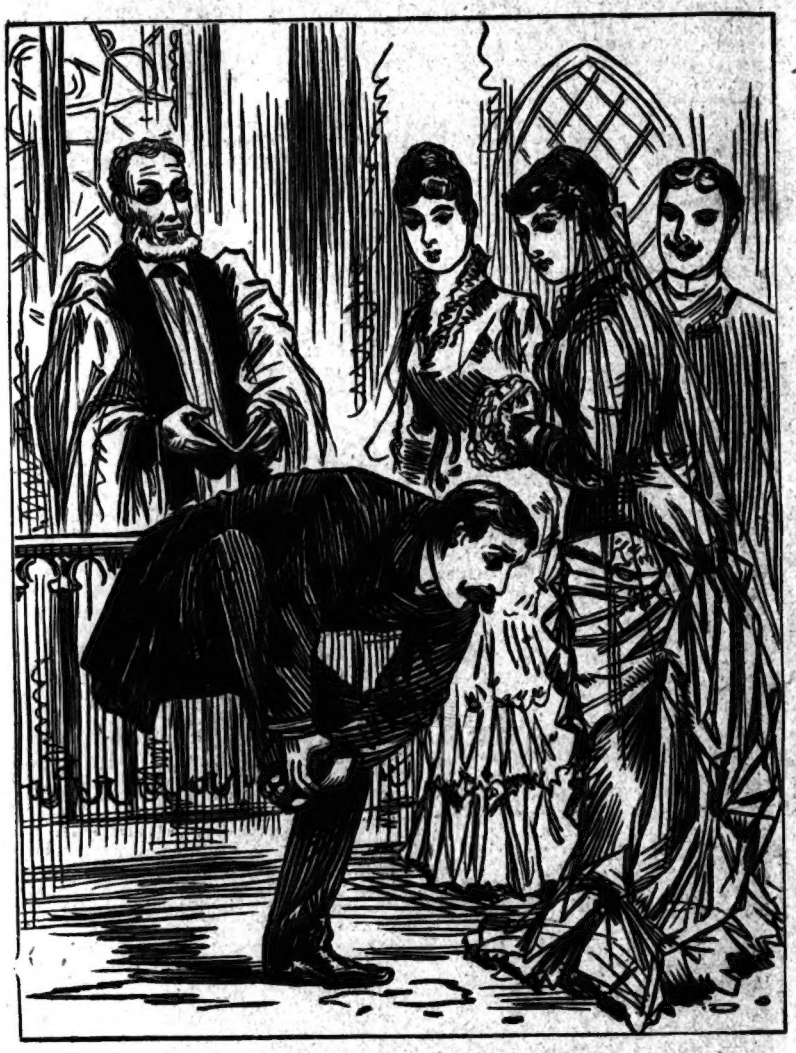
TOOTS: "Is Miss Florence at home?"

Maid: "Let me see—red hair, turn-up nose, no moustache to speak of—yes, sir; come right in."



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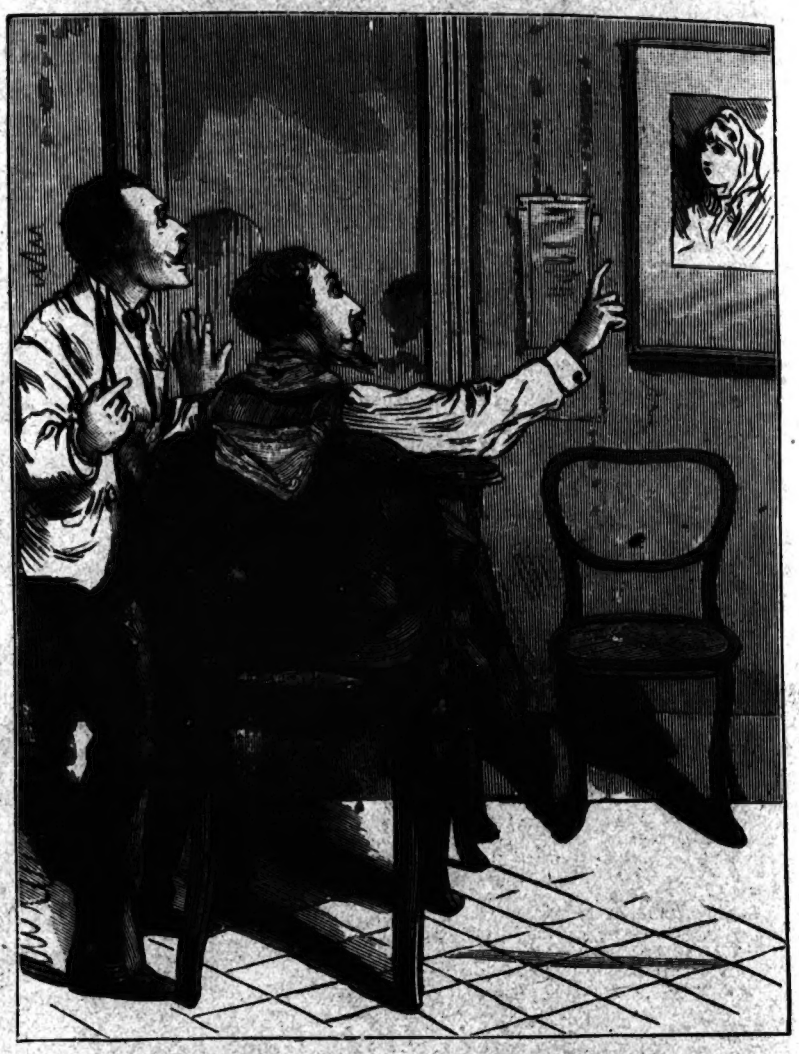
A Bridegroom Comes to Grief Trying to Put on Side.



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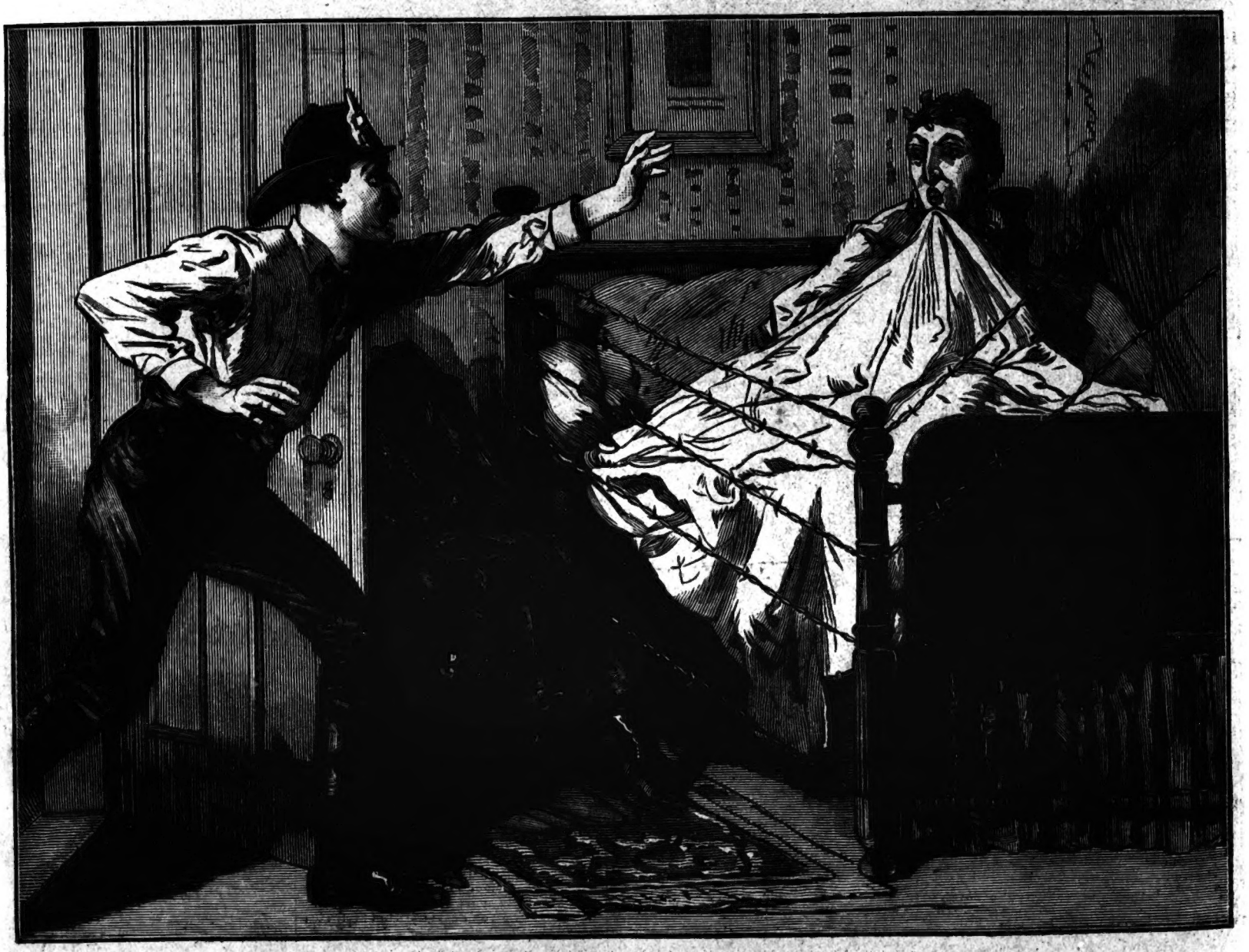
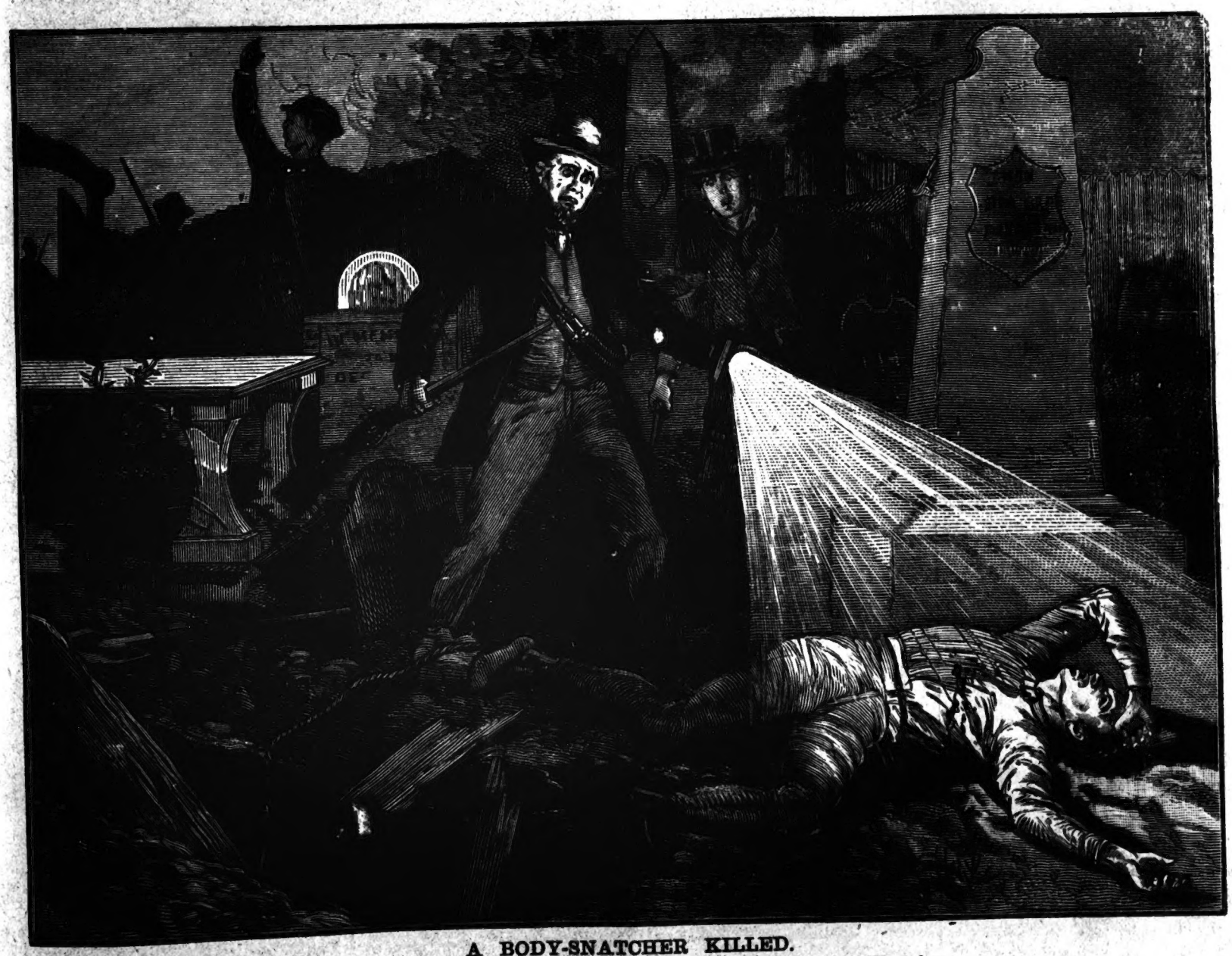
An Enraged Husband Detects the Misconduct of His Spouse.



OBJECTED TO BEING RESCUED.
An Old Maid who Detested the Male Sex and Protected Herself against Intrusion.

WINE FOR A PET DOG.
Attentions Bestowed upon a Canine by a Kensington Society Woman.

MARION MANOLA.
A Popular American Comic Opera Star who has Gone Mad.



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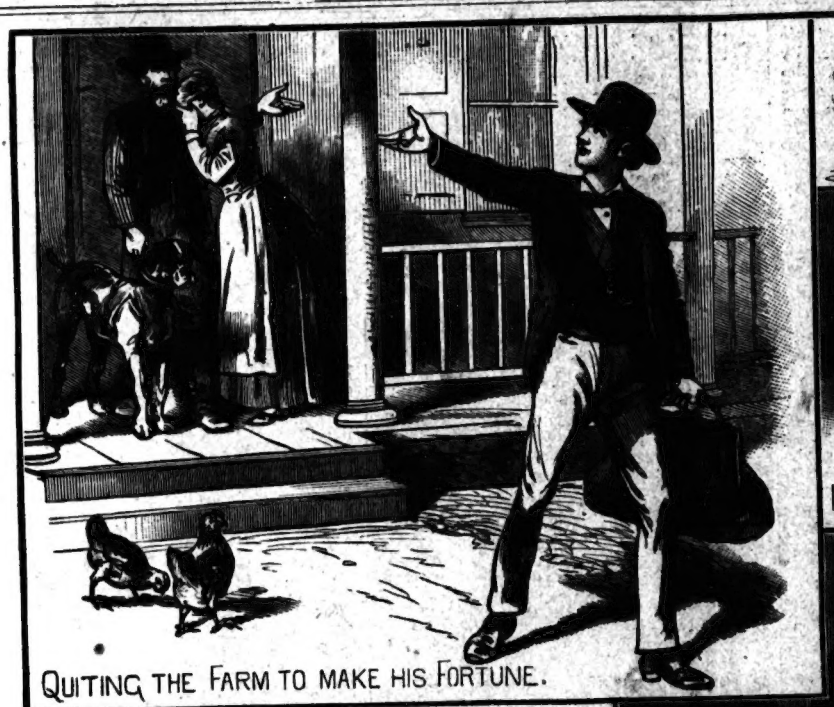
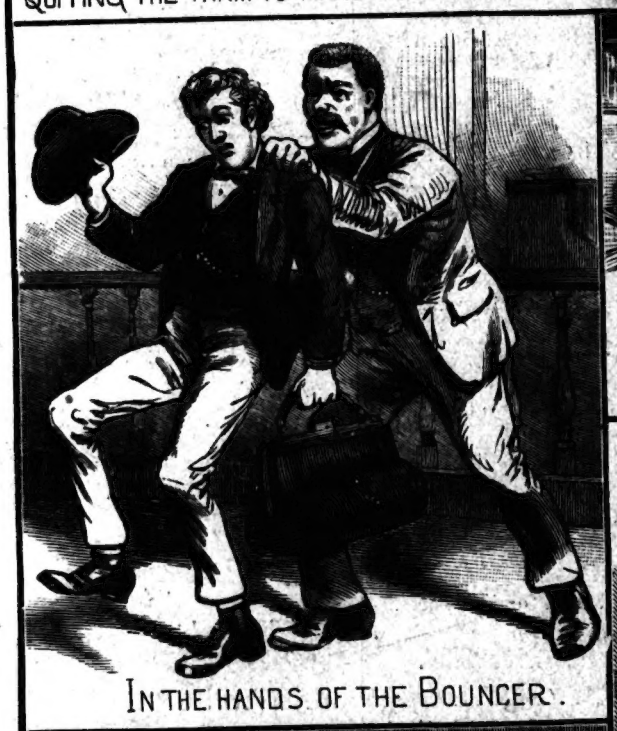
The Vigilance Committee in New Zealand Exterminate One of the Wretches.



QUITING THE FARM TO MAKE HIS FORTUNE.

HE PARTS WITH HIS BEST GIRL.

IN THE VAST AVENUE OF COMMERCE.



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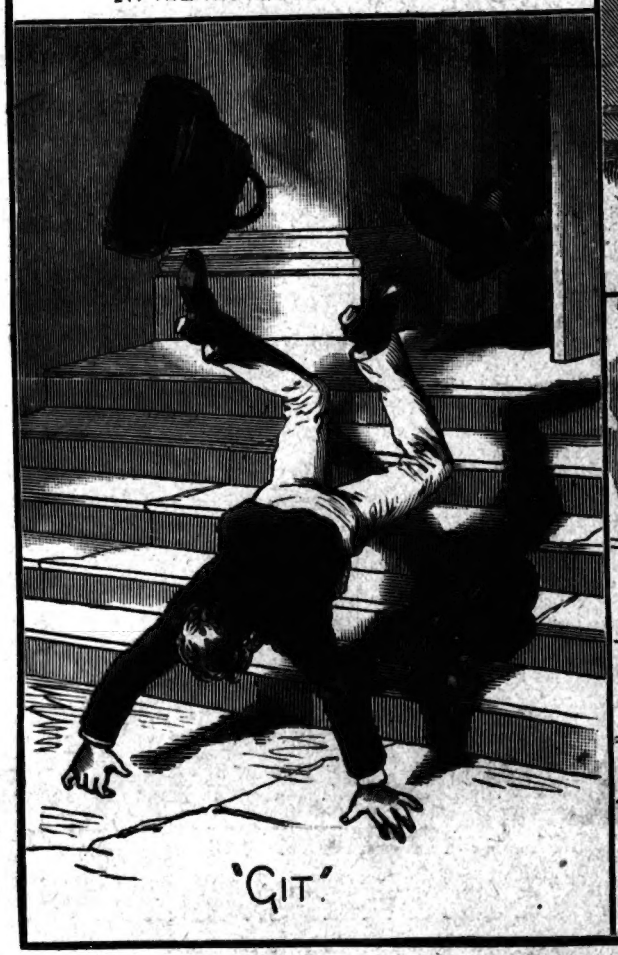
STRIKING A LORD OF TRADE FOR A JOB.



"GIT."

"IT'S A COLD WORLD."

HOMEWARD BOUND.

HE SOUGHT HIS FORTUNE IN THE CITY.

How Young Countrymen Fare when they Wander from their own Fireside.

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